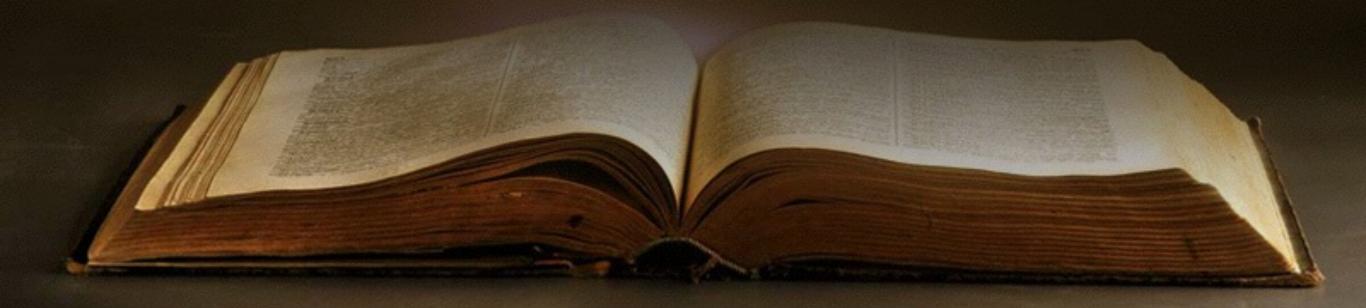


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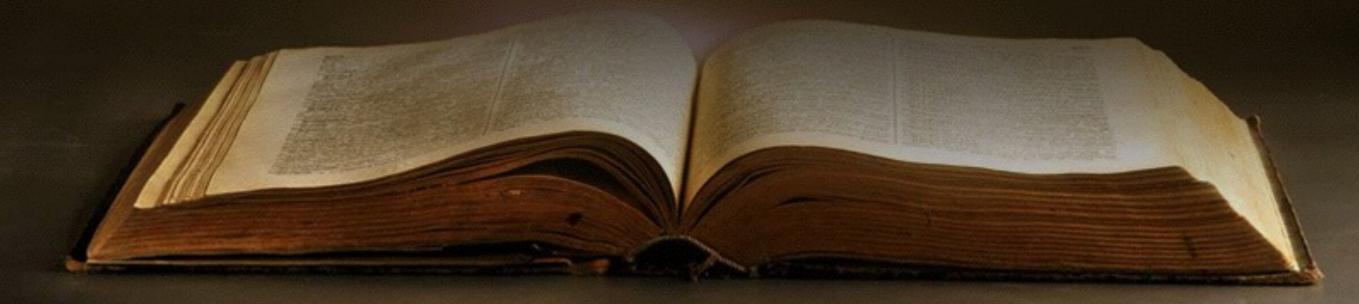
John 8:31 ¶ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

John 13:35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

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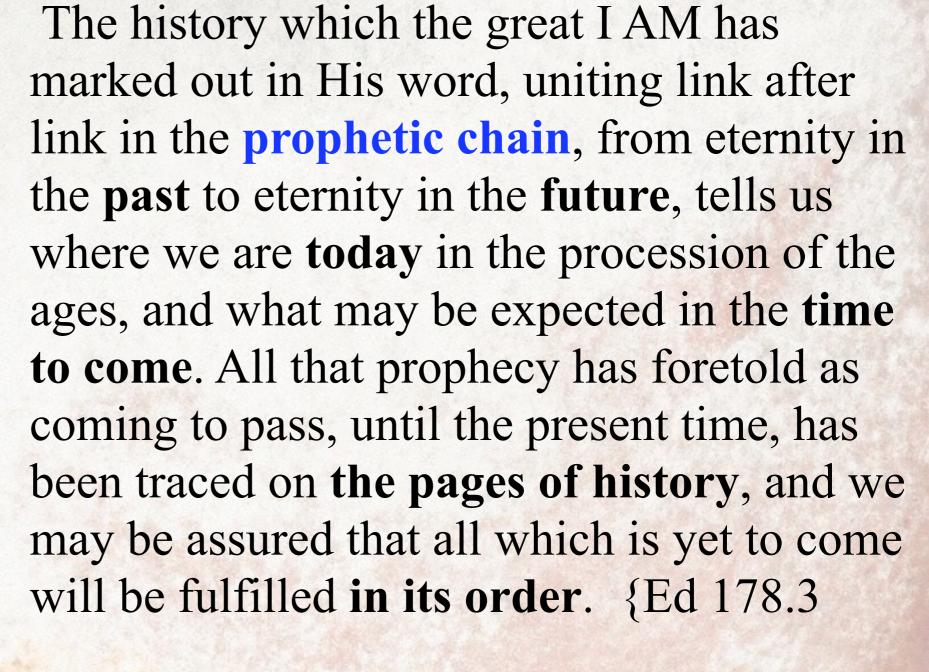
#### **Historicism**

is a method of interpretation in Christian eschatology which associates biblical prophecies with actual historical events and identify symbolic beings with historical persons or societies. The main texts of interest are apocalyptic literature, such as the Book of Daniel and the Book of Revelation, and historicist methods have been applied to ancient Jewish history, the Roman Empire, Mohammedism, the Papacy, the Modern era and even into the End time.

One of the most influential aspects of the **Protestant's** historicist <u>paradigm</u> was the speculation that the <u>Pope</u> could be <u>Antichrist</u>; this view was popularized in the eighteenth century.



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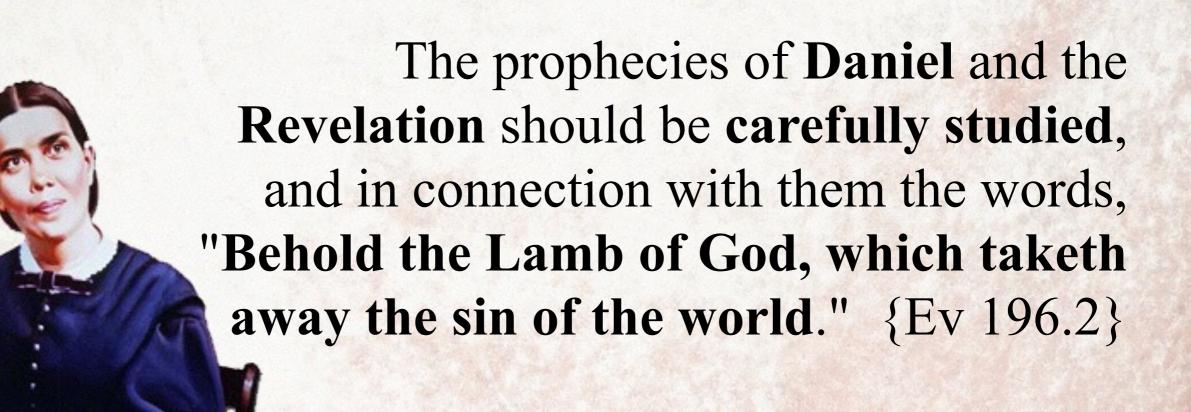






## PEN OF Unspiration

Ministers should present the sure word of prophecy as the <u>foundation</u> of the faith of Seventh-day Adventists.









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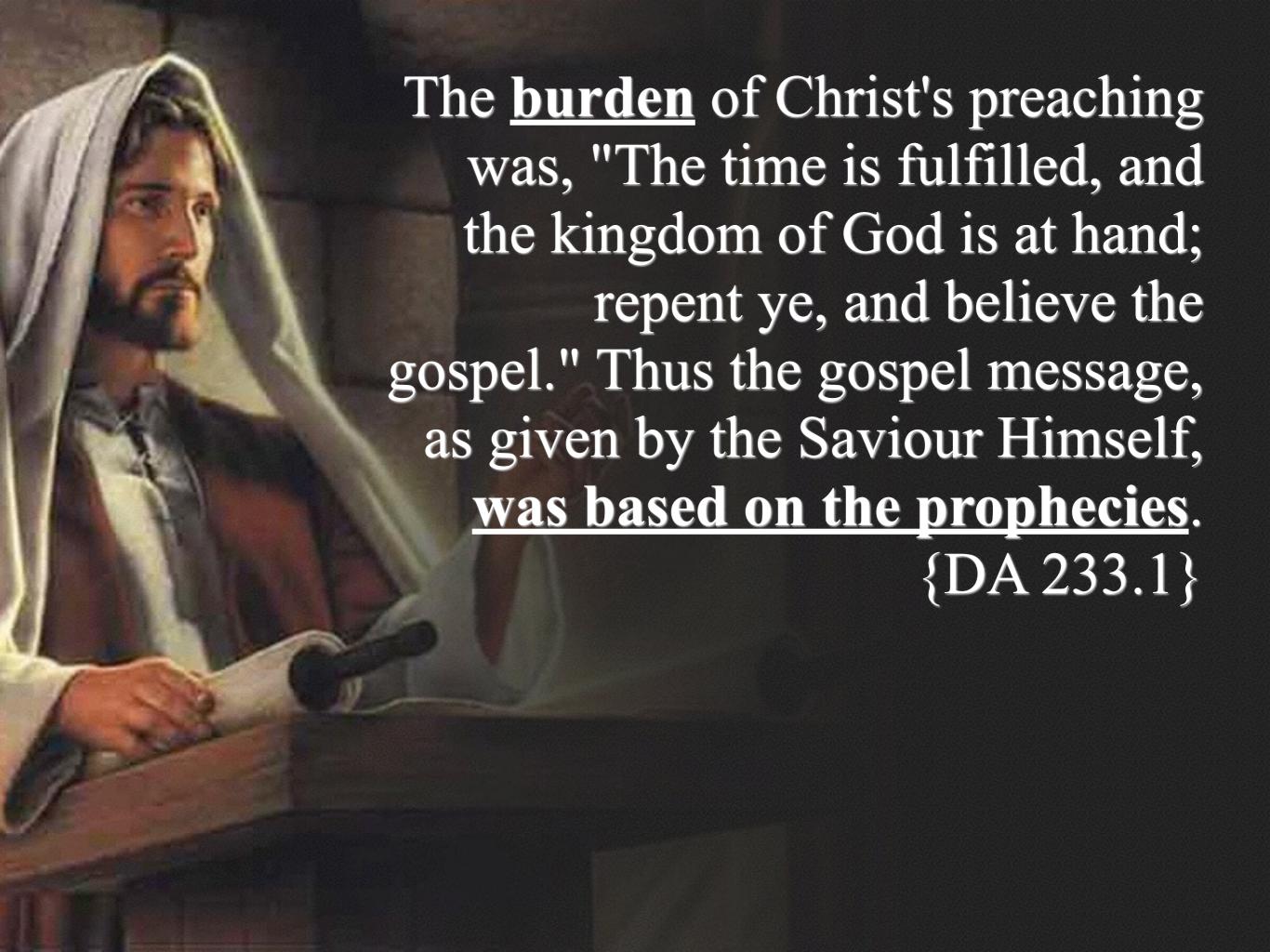
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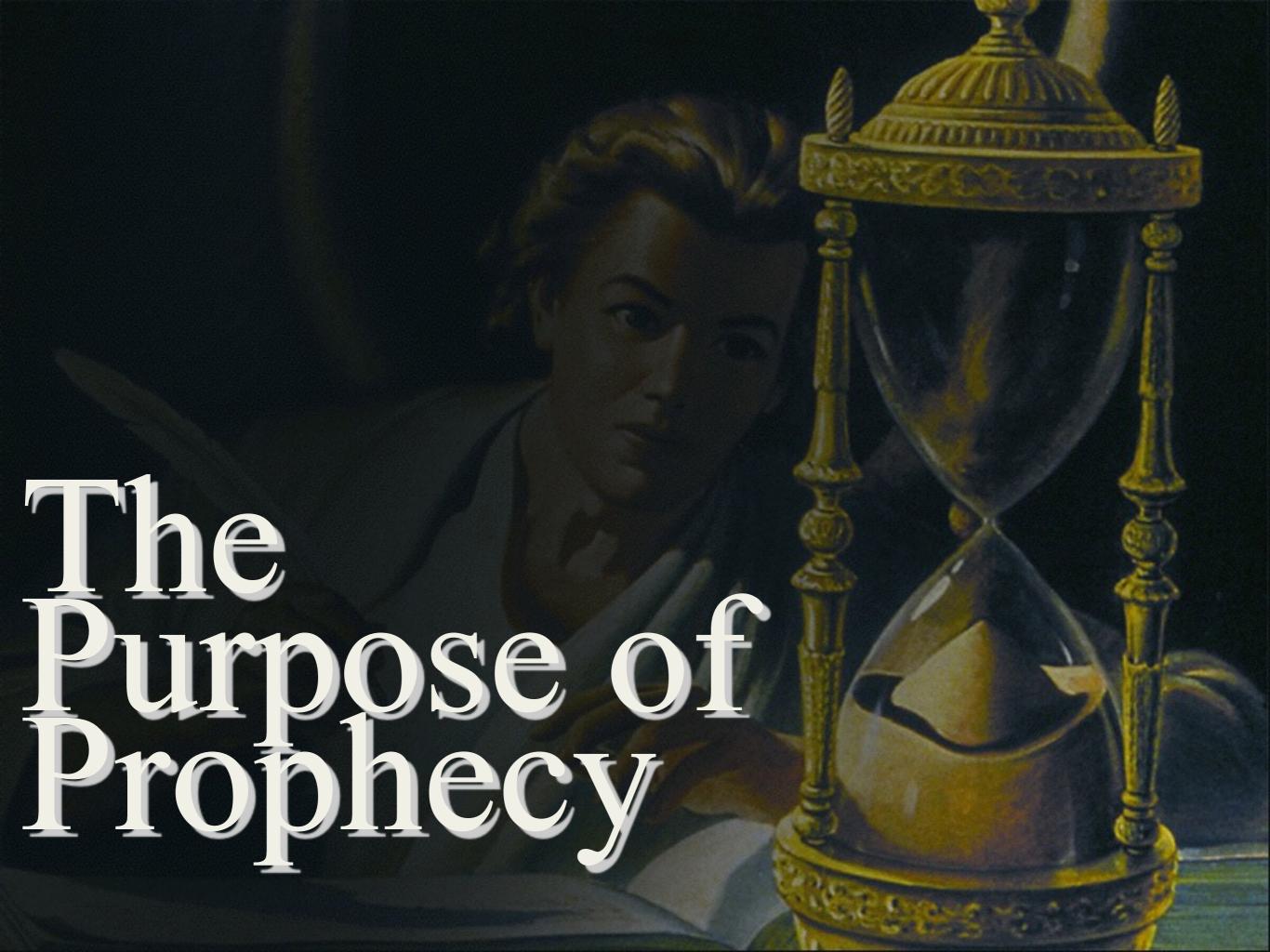
Combining of Church and State





The mingling of church craft and state craft is represented by the iron and the clay. This union is weakening all the power of the churches. This investing the church with the power of the state will bring evil results. Men have almost passed the point of God's forbearance. They have invested their strength in politics, and have united with the papacy. But the time will come when God will punish those who have made void His law, and their evil work will recoil upon themselves. {15MR 39.2}





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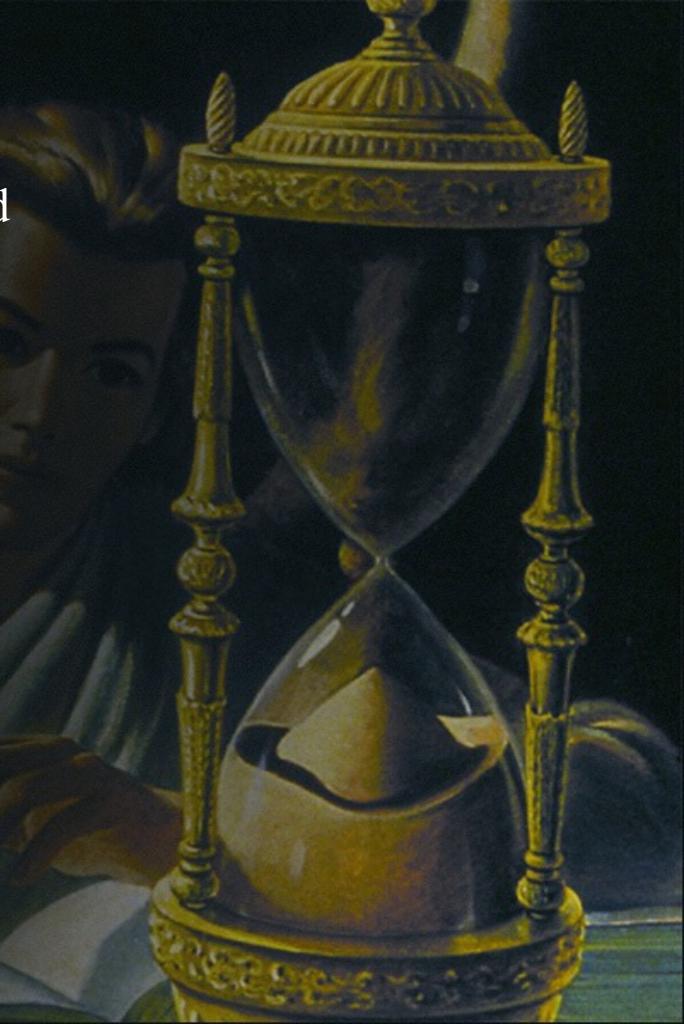
That we will believe God's Word 1a) Two Key Reasons why we need to believe. Luke 18:8 / Hebrews 11:6

2) 1st Chronicles 12:32

It helps us to know exactly what to do. Romans 13:11-14
3) 2nd Peter 1:19

It enables us to see through darkness.

3a) It causes us to have Jesus arise (spring up) in our hearts (minds) that we become like Him..



# Fulfillment of Prophecy

## PEN OF Unspiration

The <u>twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew</u> is presented to me again and again as something that is to be brought to the attention of <u>all</u>. We are <u>today</u> living in the time <u>when the predictions of this chapter are</u> <u>fulfilling</u>. Let our ministers and teachers explain these prophecies to those whom they instruct. Let them leave out of their discourses matters of minor consequence, and <u>present the truths that will decide</u> <u>the destiny of souls</u>.--Gospel Workers, p. 148. (1915) {Ev 196.3}



### Birth Pains

Typically after the first contraction, they begin getting more:

Intense

Rapid



## AGITATIONS

POLITICAL ECONOMIC ATMOSPHERIC MORAL

## A Brief List of Natural Disasters

1999 - Torrential Rains & Mudslides in Venezuela DT 15,100 2001 - Gujarat Earthquake in India DT 20,000 2003 - European Heatwave in Western Europe DT 37,451 2005 - Kashmir Earthquake in Pakistan DT 86,000 2008 - Sichuan Earthquake in China DT 69,197 2008 - Cyclone Nagris in Myanmar DT 146,000



**Economic Agitations James 5:1-8** 

#### Study the Agitations

Agitate, agitate, agitate! The subjects which we present to the world must be to us a living reality. {CW 40.3}



Moral Agitations Matthew 24:37,38 Genesis 6:11,12





Political Agitations Matthew 24:7

The Mark of the Beast

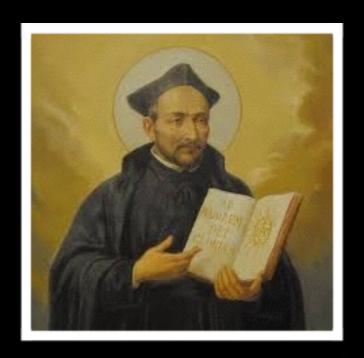
The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the drama. {7T 141}



**Atmospheric Agitations Matthew 24:7/Luke 21:25** 



#### The Jesuits



The **Society of Jesus** (Latin: *Societas Iesu*, *S.J.*, *SJ* or *SI*) is a Christian male religious congregation of the Catholic Church. The members are called **Jesuits**. The society is engaged in evangelization and apostolic ministry in 112 nations on six continents. Jesuits work in education (founding schools, colleges, universities and seminaries), intellectual research, and cultural pursuits. Jesuits also give retreats, minister in hospitals and parishes and promote social justice and **ecumenical dialogue** 

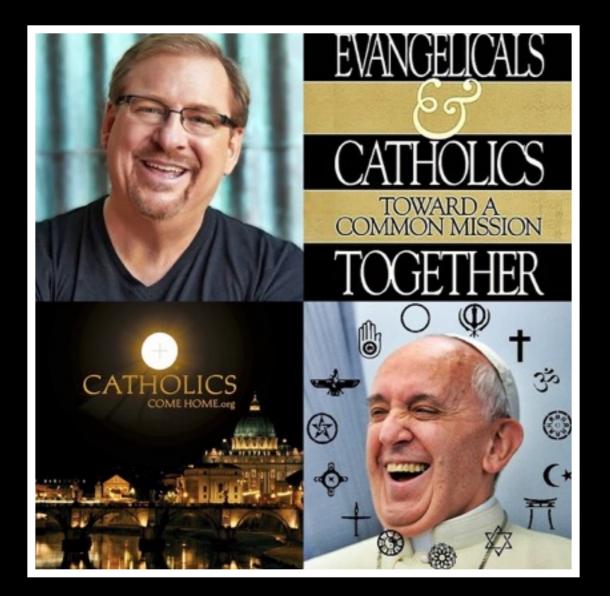
The Society participated in the **Counter-Reformation** and later in the implementation of the Second Vatican Council in the Catholic Church.



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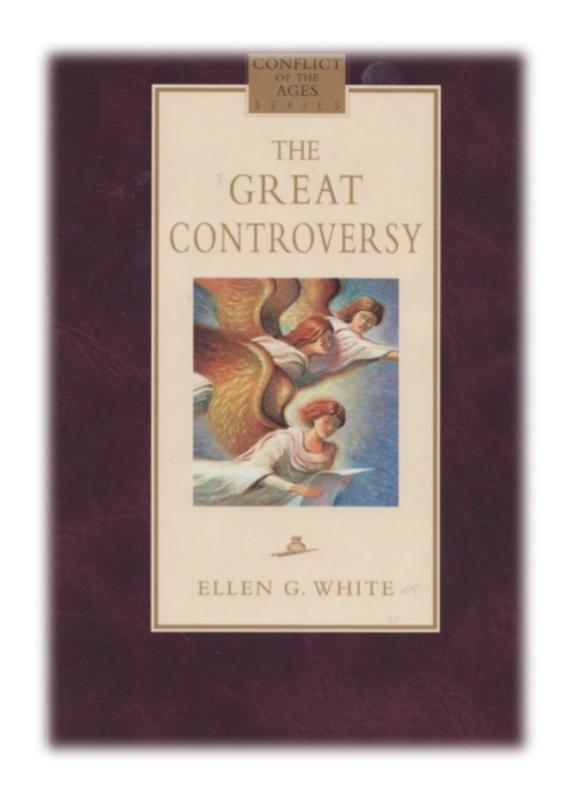






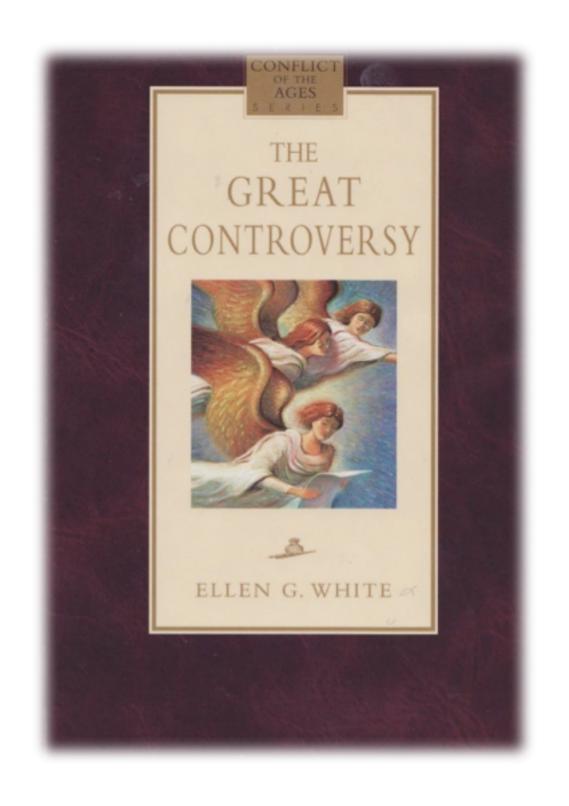
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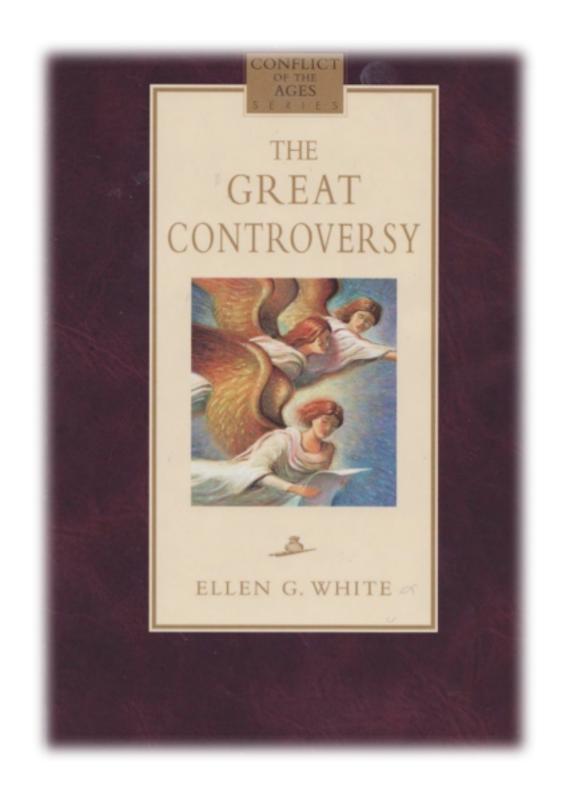


Throughout Christendom, Protestantism was menaced by formidable foes. The first triumphs of the Reformation past, Rome summoned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction. At this time the order of the Jesuits was <u>created</u>, the most <u>cruel</u>, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery.

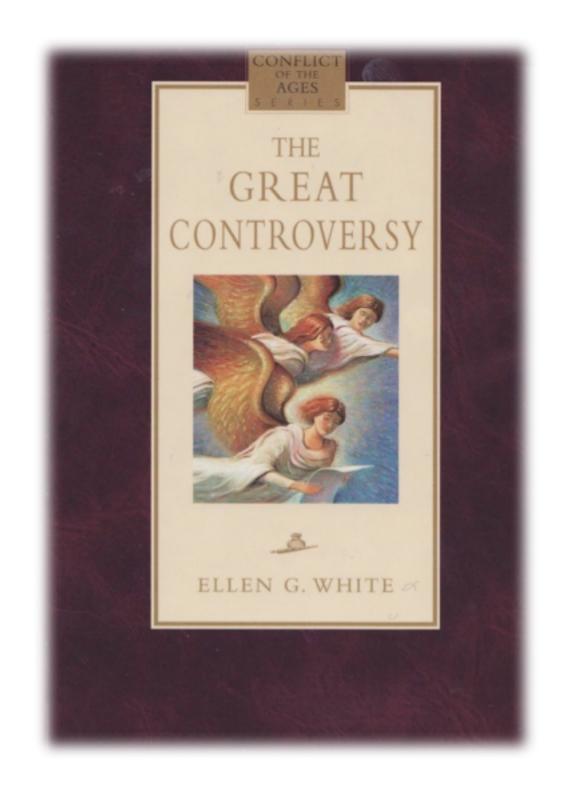
{GC 234}



There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual **poverty** and **humility**, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the re-establishment of the papal supremacy.



When appearing as members of their order, they wore a garb of sanctity, visiting prisons and hospitals, ministering to the sick and the poor, professing to have renounced the world, and bearing the sacred name of Jesus, who went about doing good. But under this blameless exterior the most **criminal** and **deadly** purposes were often concealed. {GC 235}



The Jesuits rapidly spread themselves over Europe, and wherever they went, there followed a revival of popery. {GC 235.1}

#### DAILY NEWS

July 6, 2014



Pope Francis says opening businesses on Sundays is not beneficial for society because the priority should be 'not economic but human,' and that the stress should be on families and friendships, not commercial relationships.

# The Washington Post

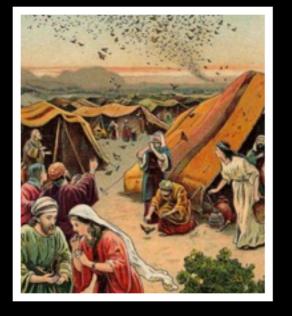
## Hill leaders invite Pope Francis to address a joint session of Congress in 2015

By Ed O'Keefe and Michelle Boorstein, Published: March 13, 2014



Hill leaders have invited Pope Francis to address a joint session of Congress during his expected visit to the United States next year.

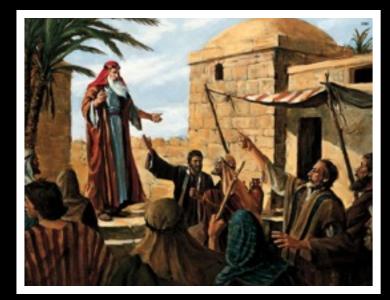
The Rev. Gerald Fogarty, a historian of Christianity at the University of Virginia who has written on papal visits, said he believed it was the first time a pope has been invited to address Congress.



Rebellion Against Health Reform Exodus 16:1-4 Numbers 11:4-6/31-35

#### 1 Corinthians 10:11

The history of the wilderness life of God's chosen people was chronicled for the benefit of the Israel of God <u>till the close of time</u>. {SW 44.1}



Rejection of God's Messengers Numbers 16:1-3/26:9 & 10

The Mark of the Beast





False Worship as a result of Worldly Laity & Weak Leadership Exodus 32:1-6/21-24

In the last vision given me, I was shown the startling fact that but a small portion of those who now profess the truth will be sanctified by it and be saved. I was pointed back to ancient Israel. But two of the adults of the vast army that left Egypt entered the land of Canaan. Modern Israel are in greater danger of forgetting God and being led into idolatry than were His ancient people. {1T 609.1}



Sexual Sin
Oneness with False Religion
Numbers 25:1-3, 5



Economists say it boils down to two core problems: jobs and wages. The traditional "middle-class job" is disappearing.

### Why America's middle class is losing ground. March 5, 2013: 11:51 AM ET



Pastor, Caterer, Office Manager, Air BB Host, English Language Tutor/Professor, & Singer/Song Writer



#### Rich-poor gap 'concerns me': Yellen

October 17, 2014: 4:53 PM ET

That's essentially the question Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen raised Friday in a speech on the widening gap between rich and poor in the United States.

"I think it is appropriate to ask whether this trend is compatible with the values rooted in our nation's history, among them the high value Americans have traditionally placed on equality of opportunity," the central bank chief said.

By some measures, Yellen said economic inequality is near the highest levels in the past hundred years.

### Marriage Corruptions

Common Law Marriage - is an arrangement where two people who are not married live together in an emotionally and/or sexually intimate relationship on a long-term or permanent basis.

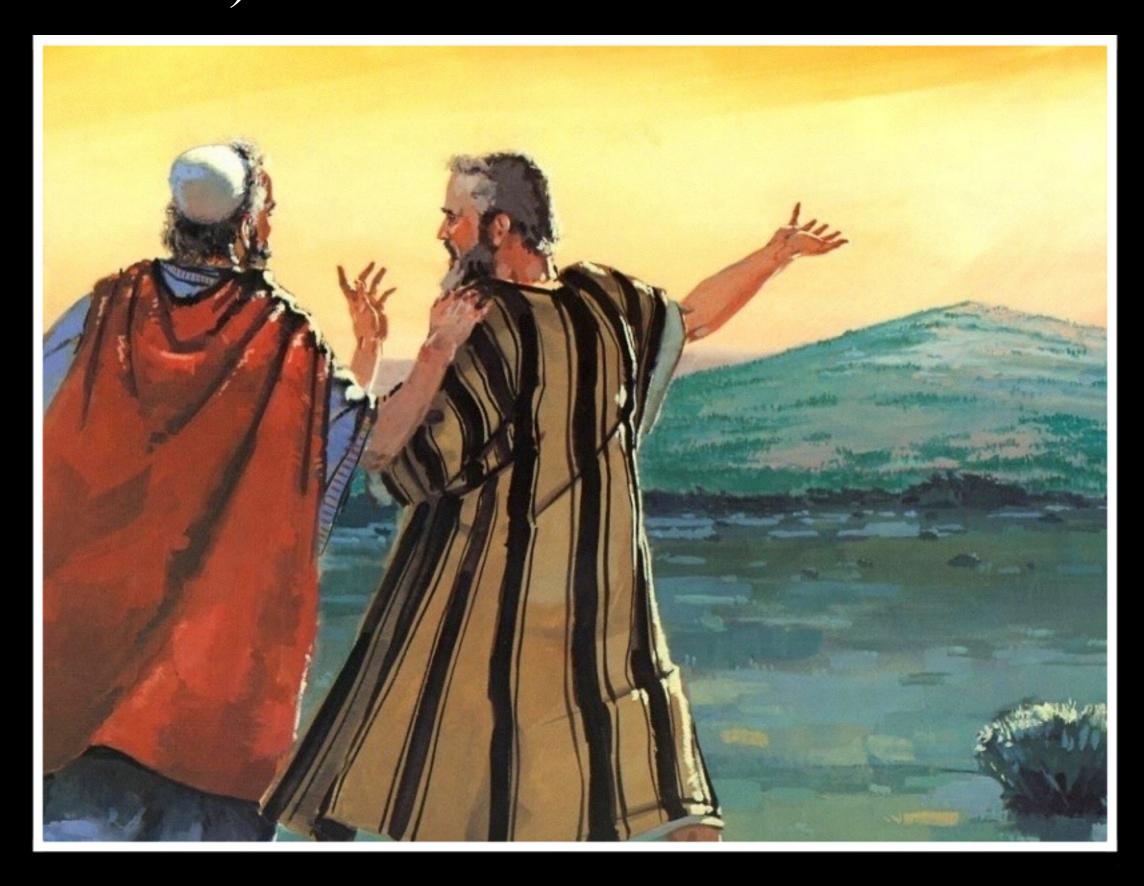
Polygyny and Polyandry -a man has more than one wife, & a woman has more than one husband.

Open Marriage - It allows extramarital affairs for both the spouses and both of them have the option of maintaining outside relationships beyond the marriage terms.

After Death Marriage - a person is allowed to marry a person of the opposite sex even after his death.

# GAY NARRIAGE

#### JOSHUA AND CALEB





#### The "In You" Concept. Why?

"That I may dwell among (or in) them" Exodus 25:8 (Compare Exodus 29:45/2 Corinthians 6:16)

"Abide in me and I in you" John 15:4



"If any man be in Christ He is a new creature...old things are passed away" 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not" 1 John 3:6

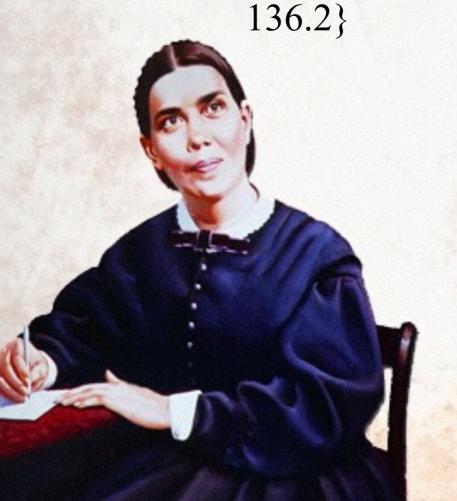
"Christ in you, the hope of glory" Colossians 1:27



### A Serious Problem

### PEN OF Unspiration

When the religion of Christ is most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battles of the Lord when champions are few--this will be our test.... The nation will be on the side of the great rebel leader. {5T



### PEN OF Unspiration

As the storm approaches, a <u>large class</u> who have professed faith in the third angel's message, <u>but have not</u> <u>been sanctified through obedience to the truth</u>, abandon their position, and join the ranks of the opposition.....<u>They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren.</u> {GC88 608.1}



# Our "Motive" for Preparation

John 14:15 ¶ If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1 Timothy 1:5 ¶ Now the end of the commandment is charity (love) out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

"It is **not** the **fear of punishment**, or the **hope of everlasting reward**, that leads the disciples of Christ to follow Him. **They behold the Saviour's matchless love**, revealed throughout His pilgrimage on earth, from the manger of Bethlehem to Calvary's cross, and **the sight of Him attracts**, it softens and subdues the soul. **Love awakens in the heart of the beholders**. They hear His voice, and they follow Him. – {DA 480.3}

Should the shortness of time be our great motive for seeking righteousness?

The shortness of time is frequently urged as an incentive for seeking righteousness and making Christ our friend. This should not be the great motive with us; for it savors of selfishness. Is it necessary that the terrors of the day of God should be held before us, that we may be compelled to right action through fear? It ought not to be so. Jesus is attractive. He is full of love, mercy, and compassion.



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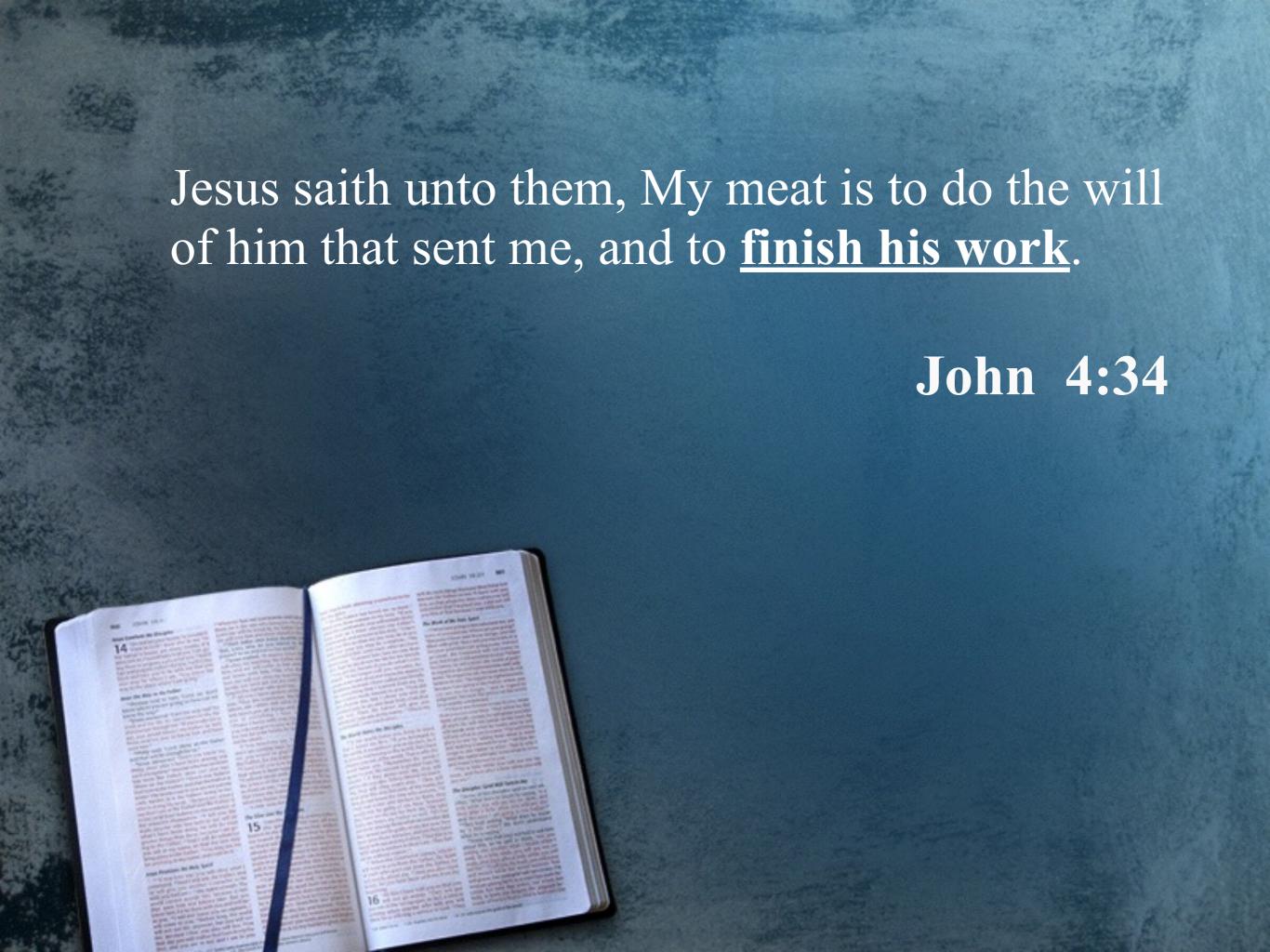
He proposes to be our friend, to walk with us through all the rough pathways of life. He says to us, I am the Lord thy God; walk with Me, and I will fill thy path with light. Jesus, the Majesty of heaven, proposes to elevate to companionship with Himself those who come to Him with their burdens, their weaknesses, and their cares. He will count them as His children, and finally give them an inheritance of more value than the empires of kings, a crown of glory richer than has ever decked the brow of the most exalted earthly monarch. {LHU 98.3}



We are living in an evil age. The perils of the last days thicken around us. Because iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold. Enoch walked with God three hundred years. Now the shortness of time seems to be urged as a motive to seek righteousness. Should it be necessary that the terrors of the day of God be held before us in order to compel us to right action? Enoch's case is before us. Hundreds of years he walked with God. He lived in a corrupt age, when moral pollution was teeming all around him; yet he trained his mind to devotion, to love purity. His conversation was upon heavenly things. He educated his mind to run in this channel, and he bore the impress of the divine. His countenance was lighted up with the light which shineth in the face of Jesus. {FLB 350.2}

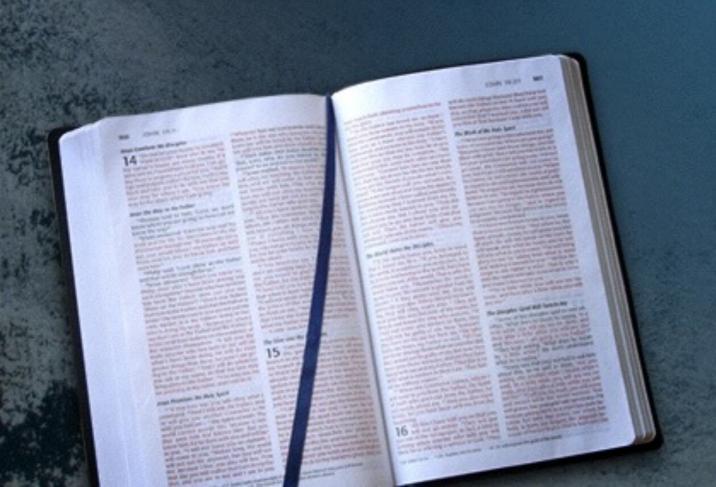
Enoch had temptations as well as we. He was surrounded with society no more friendly to righteousness than is that which surrounds us. The atmosphere he breathed was tainted with sin and corruption, the same as ours; yet he lived a life of holiness. He was unsullied with the prevailing sins of the age in which he lived. So may we remain pure and uncorrupted. He was a representative of the saints who live amid the perils and corruptions of the last days. For his faithful obedience to God he was translated. So, also, the faithful, who are alive and remain, will be translated. They will be removed from a sinful and corrupt world to the pure joys of heaven. The course of God's people should be upward and onward to victory. {FLB 350.3}

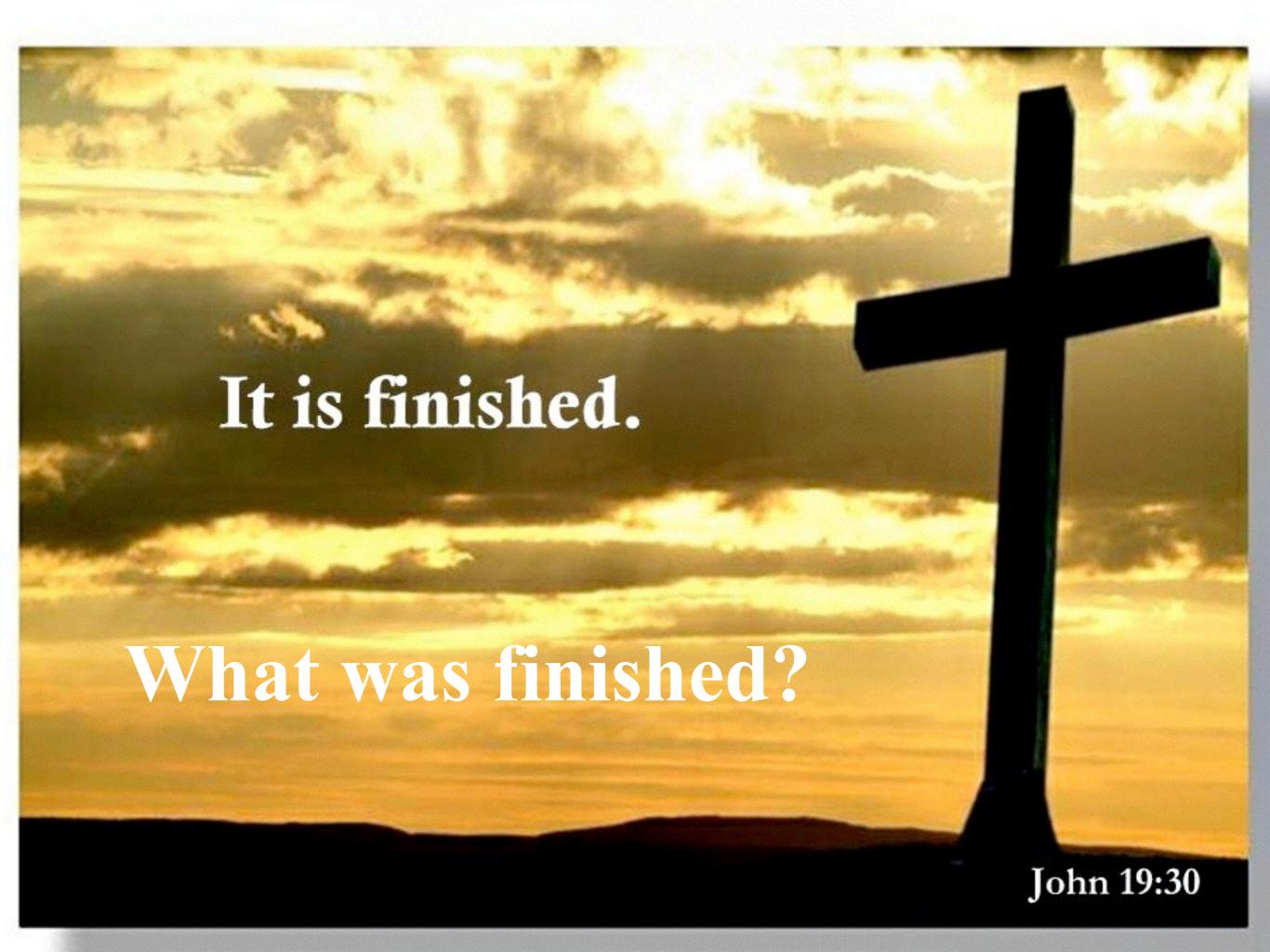
## The Focus of Jesus in His Prophetic Work



I have glorified thee on the earth: I have **finished the work** which thou gavest me to do.

John 17:4



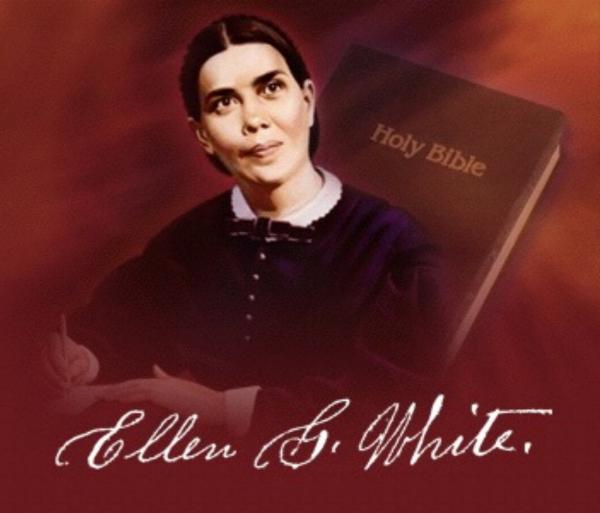




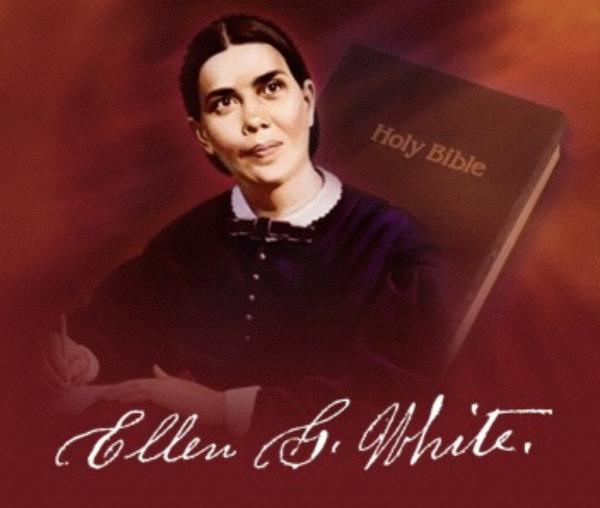
### ADVENT MOVEMENT

{EARLY WRITINGS 232-239} {CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE & TEACHINGS PG. 51}

It is in a crisis that character is revealed. When the earnest voice proclaimed at midnight, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him," and the sleeping virgins were roused from their slumbers, it was seen who had made preparation for the event. **Both** parties were taken unawares; but one was prepared for the emergency, and the other was found without preparation.



So now, a sudden and unlooked-for calamity, something that brings the soul face to face with death, will show whether there is any real faith in the promises of God. It will show whether the soul is sustained by grace. The great final test comes at the close of human probation, when it will be too late for the soul's need to be supplied. {COL 412.1}



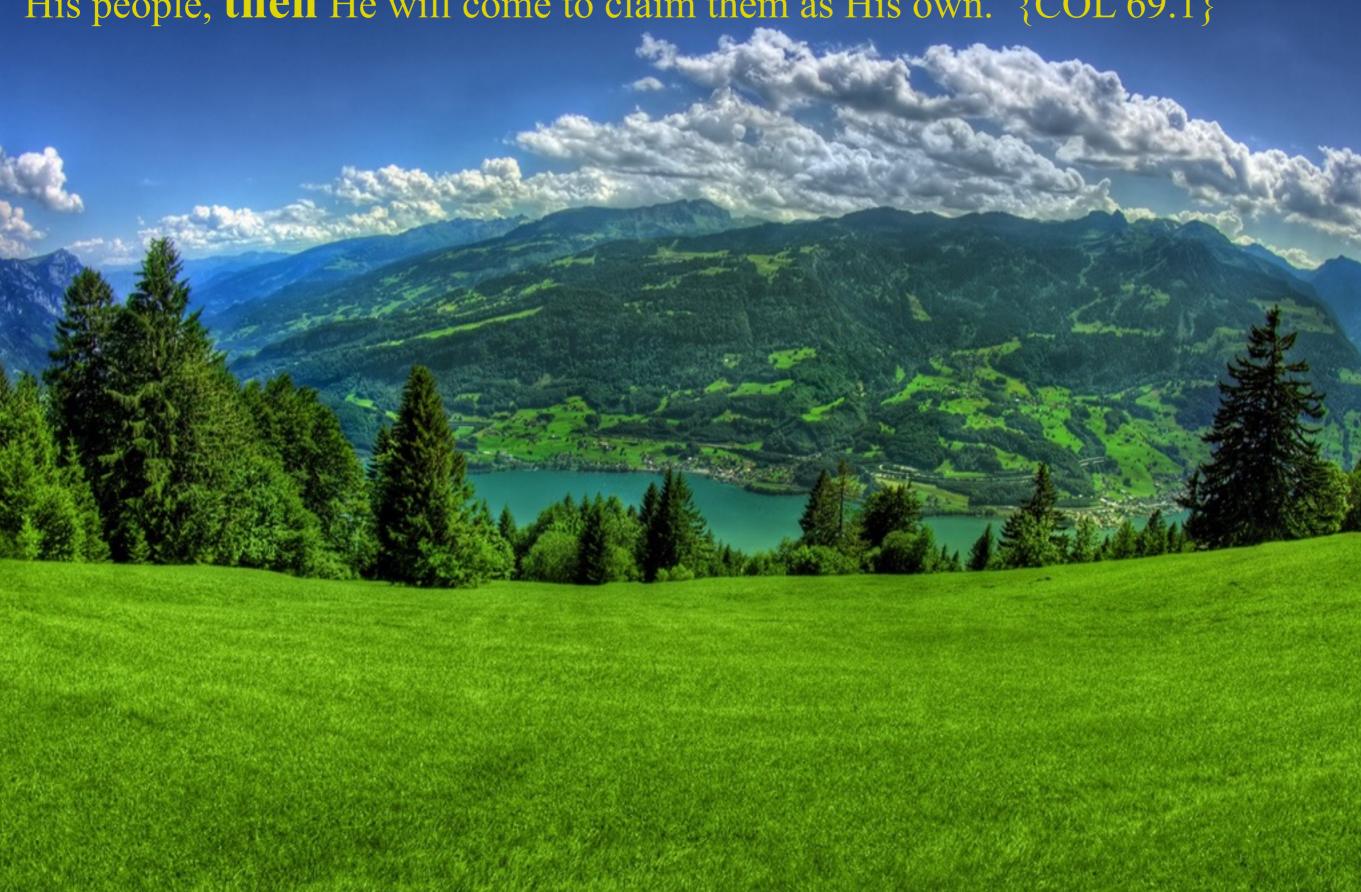








Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be **perfectly reproduced** in His people, **then** He will come to claim them as His own. {COL 69.1}



### Victory Over Sin

Communion Mark 1:35

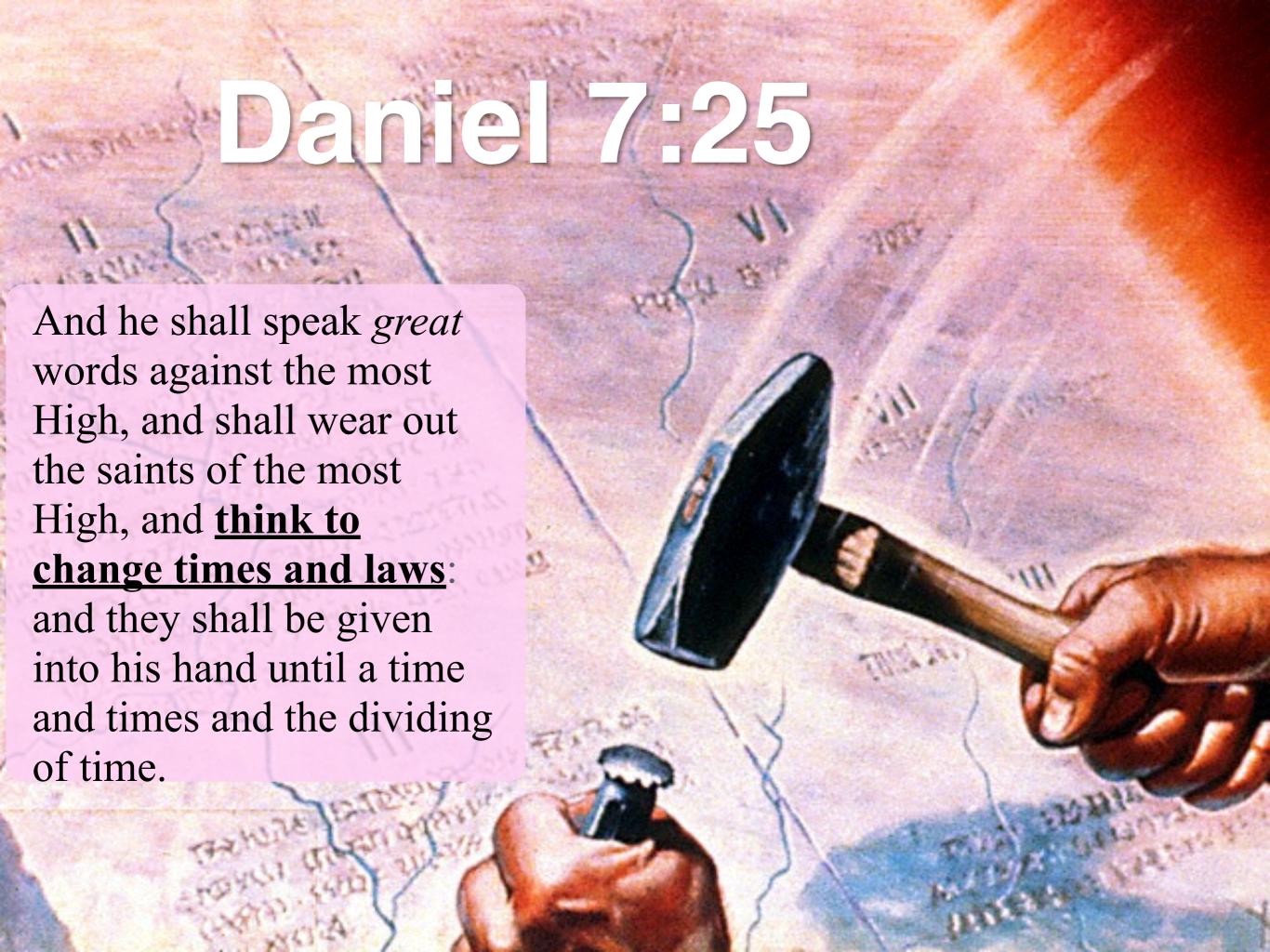
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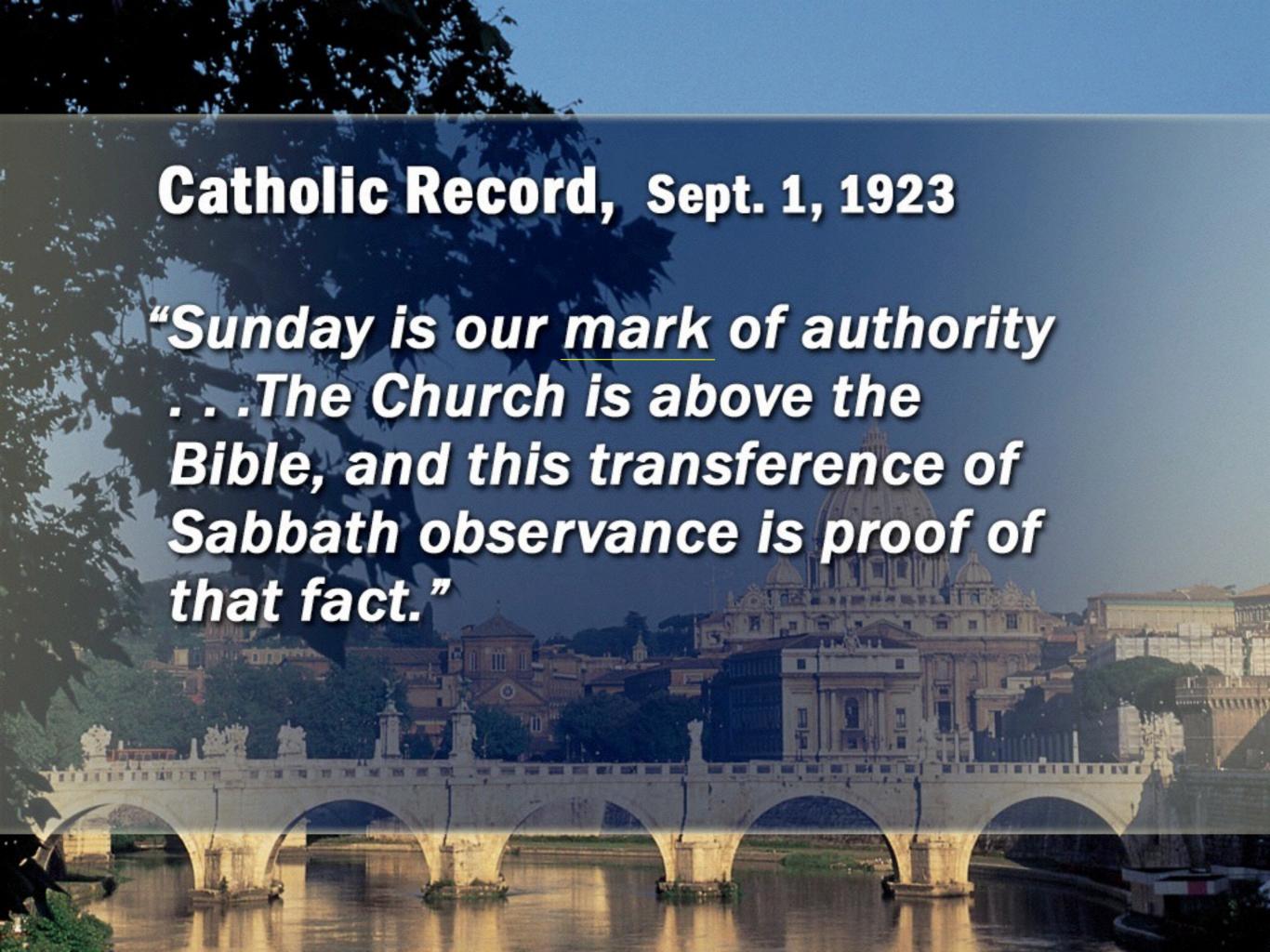
Avoid Evil Isaiah 1:16 Call to Action

Self Sacrifical Service
Isaiah 58:6-12/Matthew 25:31-46

Christlikeness





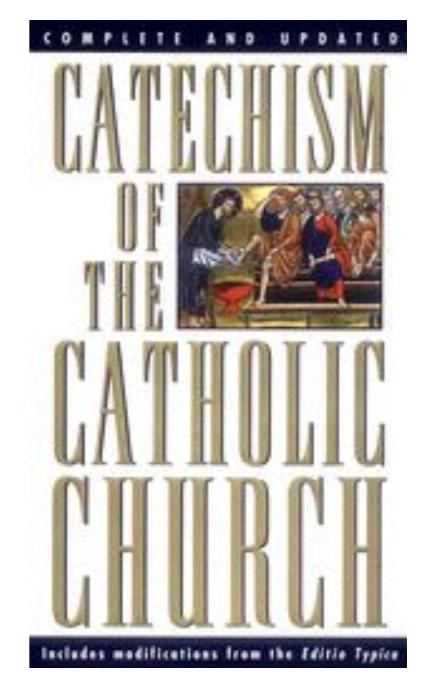




The change of the Sabbath is the <u>sign</u> or <u>mark</u> of the authority of the Romish church. Those who, <u>understanding</u> the claims of the fourth commandment, <u>choose</u> to observe the false sabbath in the place of the true, are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. <u>The mark of the beast is the papal sabbath</u>, which has been accepted by the world in the place of the day of God's appointment.

{Ev 234.1}

- 66. . . . When, through the centuries, **she** has made laws concerning Sunday rest, (109) the Church has had in mind above all the work of servants and workers, certainly not because this work was any less worthy when compared to the spiritual requirements of Sunday observance, but rather because it needed greater regulation to lighten its burden and thus enable everyone to keep the Lord's Day holy. In this matter, my predecessor Pope Leo XIII in his Encyclical Rerum Novarum spoke of Sunday rest as a worker's right which the State must guarantee. (110) . . .
- 67.... Therefore, also in the particular circumstances of our own time, Christians will naturally strive to ensure that <u>civil</u> <u>legislation</u> respects their duty to keep Sunday holy.—bold added.



18 Editor: 532-4424

The Huntsville Times

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on Sundays, a few other regional and national retailers are pulling back from seven-days-a-week operations. Chick-Fil-A founder Truett Cathy has always refused to open his chicken-sandwich restaurants on Sundays. And local restaurateur David Martin, who owns and operates Steak-Out locations and Rosie's Mexican Cantina, decided three years ago to close his stores

Business was good. But the hours were long. When one of Martin's best store managers

weeks again."

- David Martin Founder, Steak-Out

fine of no less than \$10 and no more \$100, and a jail sentence of no more than three months.

The term "blue law," depending

Martin's decision was based in the belief that his people - including himself and his wife, Rhonda - needed a day off. Religion was part of the decision, because "that was a day for most people's worship. Not all people worship that day. But for the ma-

Bill Hane says Hobby Lobby will remain closed on Sunday as long as possible. "We just feel like God honors people who do the right thing," Hane said. "There's an old saying that says, 'If your religion and business

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### Will Sunday become part of the Israeli weekend?

By <u>GIL HOFFMAN</u> LAST UPDATED: 03/04/2011 03:21

Vice Premier Shalom decides to launch a campaign on issue; says move "would cause a revolution" as people will receive more leisure, rest time.

A decade's worth of efforts to push the government to make Sunday a day off were renewed over the past two weeks after Vice Premier Silvan Shalom decided to begin a campaign on the issue.

"This would cause a revolution in Israel," Shalom said in a statement released Thursday. "This would make our country more normal, give people more leisure and allow them to return to the work week on Monday a lot more rested."



### Singapore maids to finally get a day off

'We need to treat our foreign labour force decently,' manpower minister tells parliament

The Associated Press Posted: Mar 6, 2012 7:36 AM ET Last Updated: Mar 6, 2012 7:40 AM ET

"The Singaporean government's recognition of a weekly rest day as a basic labour right will make the lives of migrant domestic workers better," said Nisha Varia, senior women's rights researcher at U.S.-based Human Rights Watch. "But this important reform should go into effect this year and apply to all domestic workers and their current contracts."

"This is bad news for women who are working," said 49-year-old mother of four children Poon Boon Eng, according to the paper. "If I let her go out four days a month, it will be very hectic for me. I need to rest on **Sunday** too."



### VATICAN CITY, (CNS) June 6, 2012:

The demands of work can't bully people out of needed time off, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Sunday must be a day of rest for everyone, so people can be free to be with their families and with God, the pope said.

"By defending Sunday, one defends human freedom," he said during his weekly general audience in St. Peters Square June 6.



Eurozone demands that Greece mandate six-day workweek in exchange for second bailout.

BY <u>CHRISTINE ROBERTS</u> / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012, 7:37 PM

But never on Sunday! Says Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, 'This is the last such package of spending cuts...

The Greek economy can take no more.'



# Vatican works to stop Sunday shopping in Italy

Dec 19, 2012

In what may seem an unlikely alliance, the Catholic Church, trade unions and Italian small business associations have joined forces in a bid to save Sundays from shopping and liberalized shopping hours.



# Vatican works to stop Sunday shopping in Italy

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"We need one day when everyone can rest – this is the origin of Shabbat. And in fact, even Muslim organizations support us."

The **Rev. Marco Scattolon of Camposampiero**, Italy, became an instant celebrity when he labeled Sunday shopping a sin and called on his parishioners to do penance for it. Sundays, he told the Corriere del Veneto newspaper, are important "not just in the religious sense." "**They are one of the few occasions left for families to be together**."



The time is fast coming when the controlling power of the labor unions will be very oppressive.

[Letter 5, 1904]

In the world gigantic monopolies will be formed. Men will bind themselves together in unions that will wrap them in the folds of the enemy. A few men will combine to grasp all the means to be obtained in certain lines of business. Trades unions will be formed, and those who refuse to join these unions will be marked men. [Letter 26, 1903]

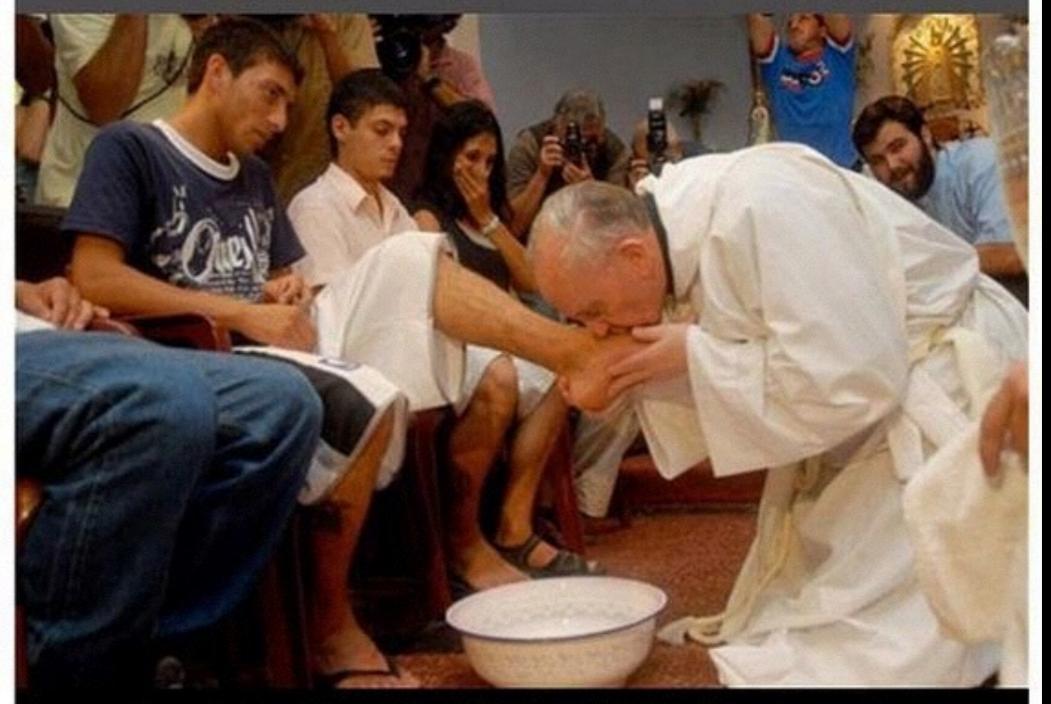
The trades unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began.

[Letter 200, 1903]

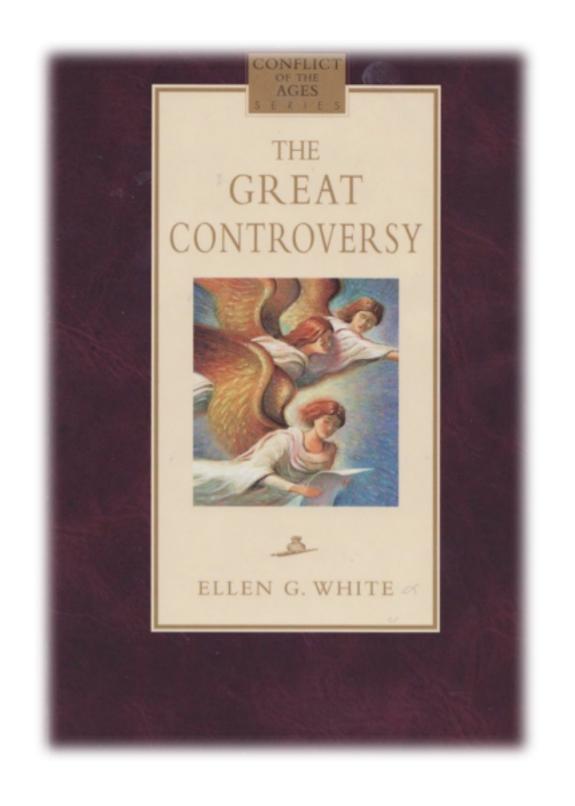
These unions are one of the signs of the **last days**. [*Letter* 26, 1903]



He held a major ceremony at the chapel of a youth prison

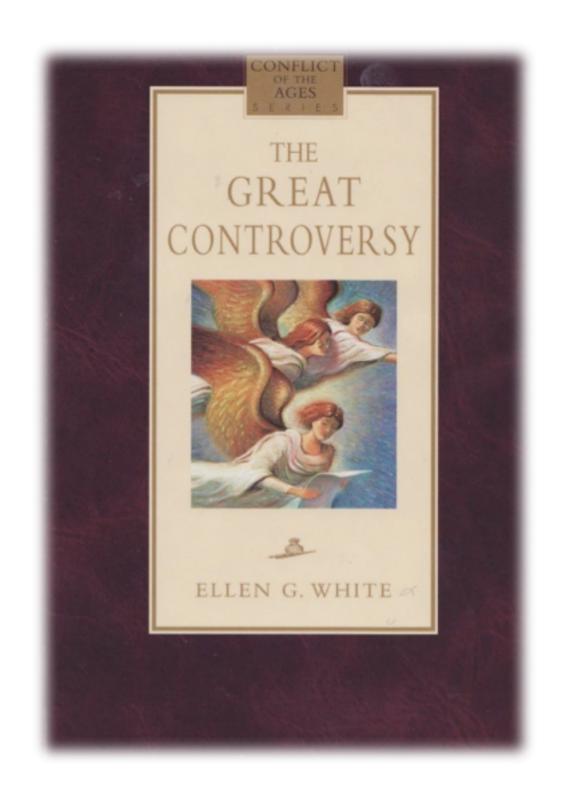


In March, the Pope held a major Holy Week service at Casal del Marmo jail for minors, rather than the Vatican. During the service, the pope washed and kissed the feet of 12 young offenders to commemorate Jesus' gesture of humility towards his apostles on the night before he died.

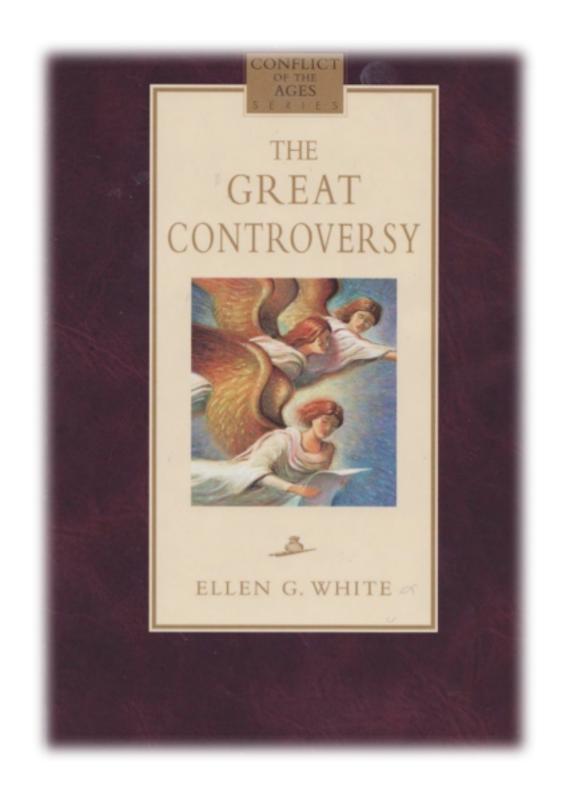


Throughout Christendom, Protestantism was menaced by formidable foes. The first triumphs of the Reformation past, Rome summoned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction. At this time the order of the Jesuits was <u>created</u>, the most <u>cruel</u>, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery.

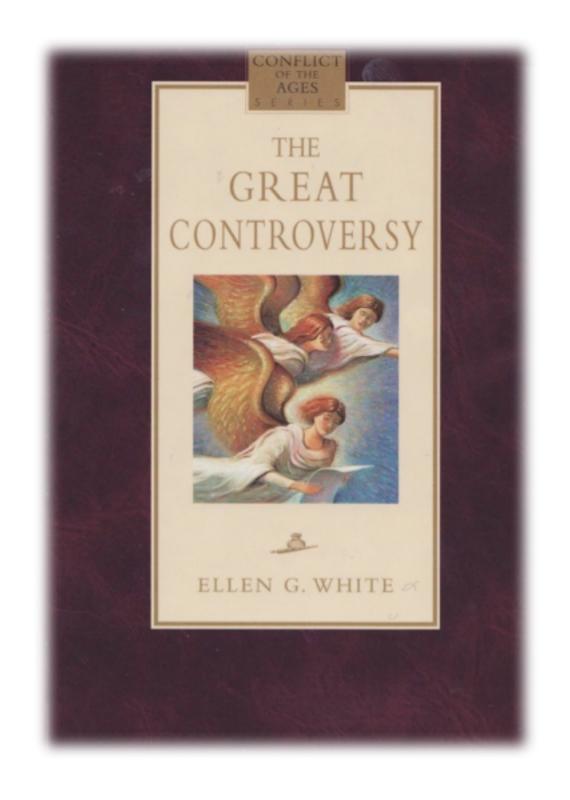
{GC 234}



There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual **poverty** and **humility**, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the re-establishment of the papal supremacy.



When appearing as members of their order, they wore a garb of sanctity, visiting prisons and hospitals, ministering to the sick and the poor, professing to have renounced the world, and bearing the sacred name of Jesus, who went about doing good. But under this blameless exterior the most **criminal** and **deadly** purposes were often concealed. {GC 235}



The Jesuits rapidly spread themselves over Europe, and wherever they went, there followed a revival of popery. {GC 235.1}



### **MSN April 24th,2013**

"He behaves like one of us, he is one of the people," said 42-year-old Roberto Delantero, a devout Catholic and admirer of the Franciscan order. "He said he is infinitely small, just like Saint Francis called himself. It's a nice break for the Catholic Church, which in recent years rose above the people."

"He is a man of the people, he doesn't sit on a pedestal," said Maya de Roo, a 32-year-old Dutch florist based in Rome who met Pope Francis after helping with the flowers arrangements in St. Peter's Square for Easter Mass.





When the leading churches of the United States, uniting upon such points of doctrine as are held by them in common, shall influence the state to enforce their decrees and to sustain their institutions, then Protestant America will have formed an image of the Roman hierarchy, and the infliction of civil penalties upon dissenters will inevitably result. {GC 445.1}





Last October, about 250 bishops met in Rome for a conference on the movement called the New Evangelization, which focuses on reawakening faith in those already baptized. One of their conclusions was, "Even though there is a tension between the Christian Sunday and the secular Sunday, Sunday needs to be recovered" — in keeping, they wrote, with John Paul's "Dies Domini."

### The New Hork Times

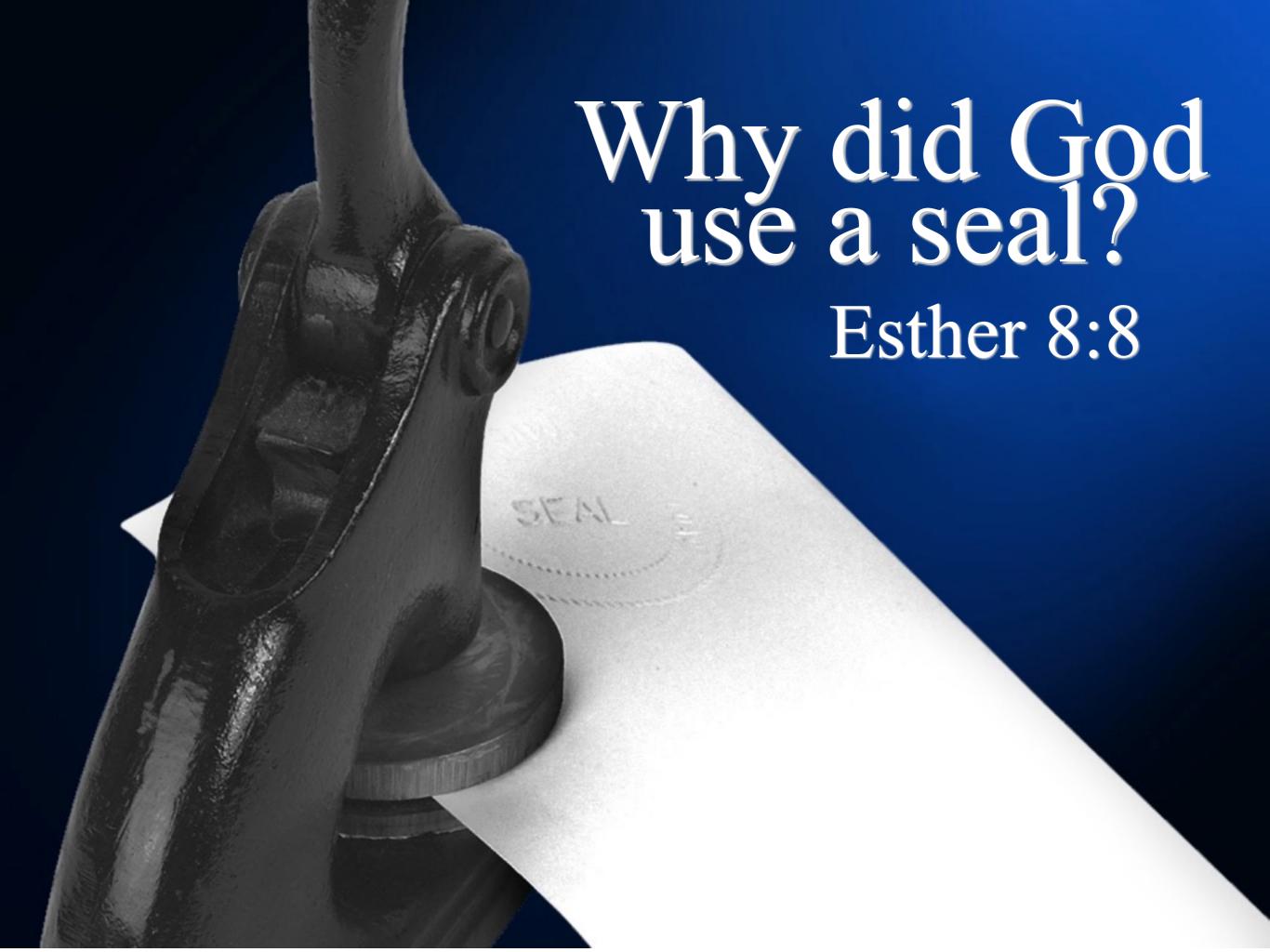
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Responding to the question, "Do we need to rediscover the meaning of leisure?" Pope Francis replies: "Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport. But this is being destroyed, in large part, by the elimination of the Sabbath rest day. More and more people work on Sundays as a consequence of the competitiveness imposed by a consumer society." In such cases, he concludes, "work ends up dehumanizing people."

### PEN OF Unspiration

While the Protestant world is by her attitude making concessions to Rome, let us arouse to comprehend the situation, and view the contest before us in its true bearings. Let the watchmen now lift up their voice, and give the message which is present truth for this time. Let us show people where we are in

**prophetic history**, and seek to arouse the spirit of **true Protestantism**, awakening the world to a sense of the value of the privileges of religious liberty so long enjoyed.--Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 716. {ChS 163.1}

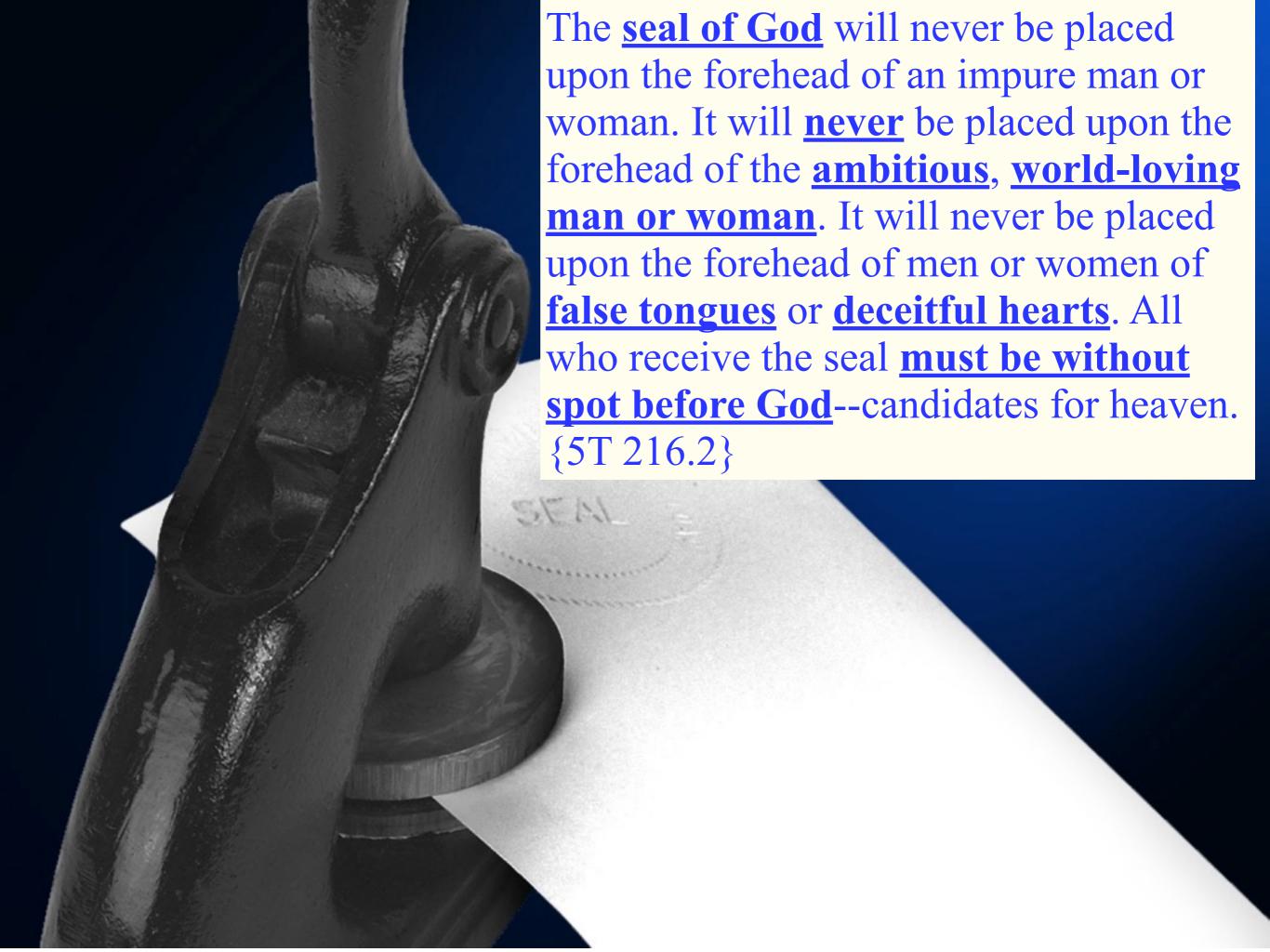




## What is the Seal of God? Can it be seen?

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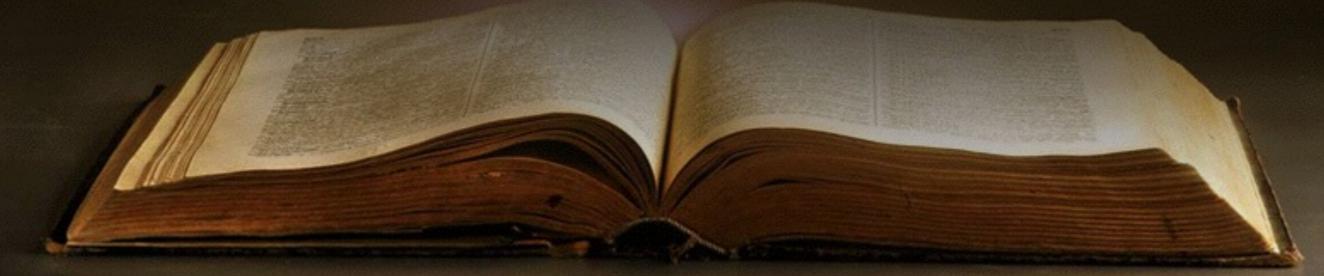
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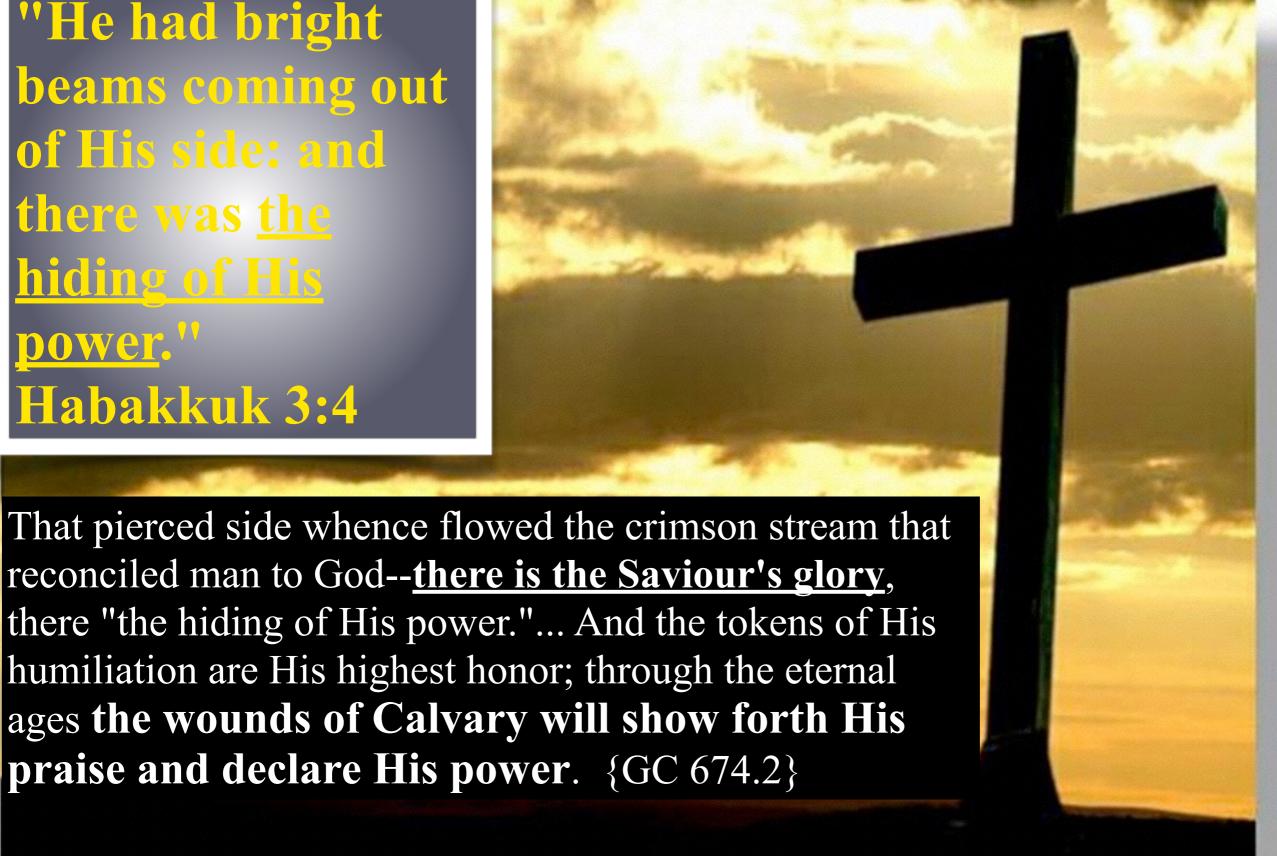
## The Focus of All Prophetic Study

And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. {Zechariah 12:10}

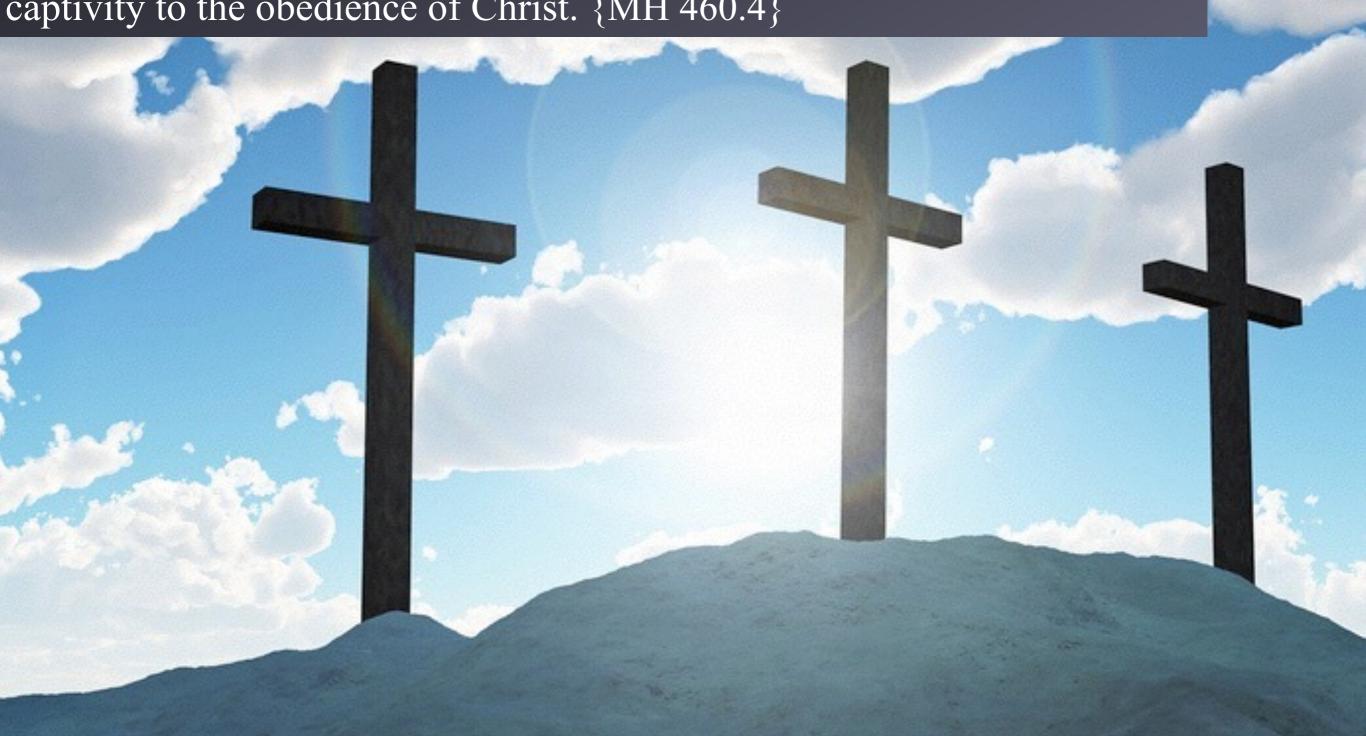
(Zechanian 12.10)



"He had bright beams coming out of His side: and there was the hiding of His power. Habakkuk 3:4



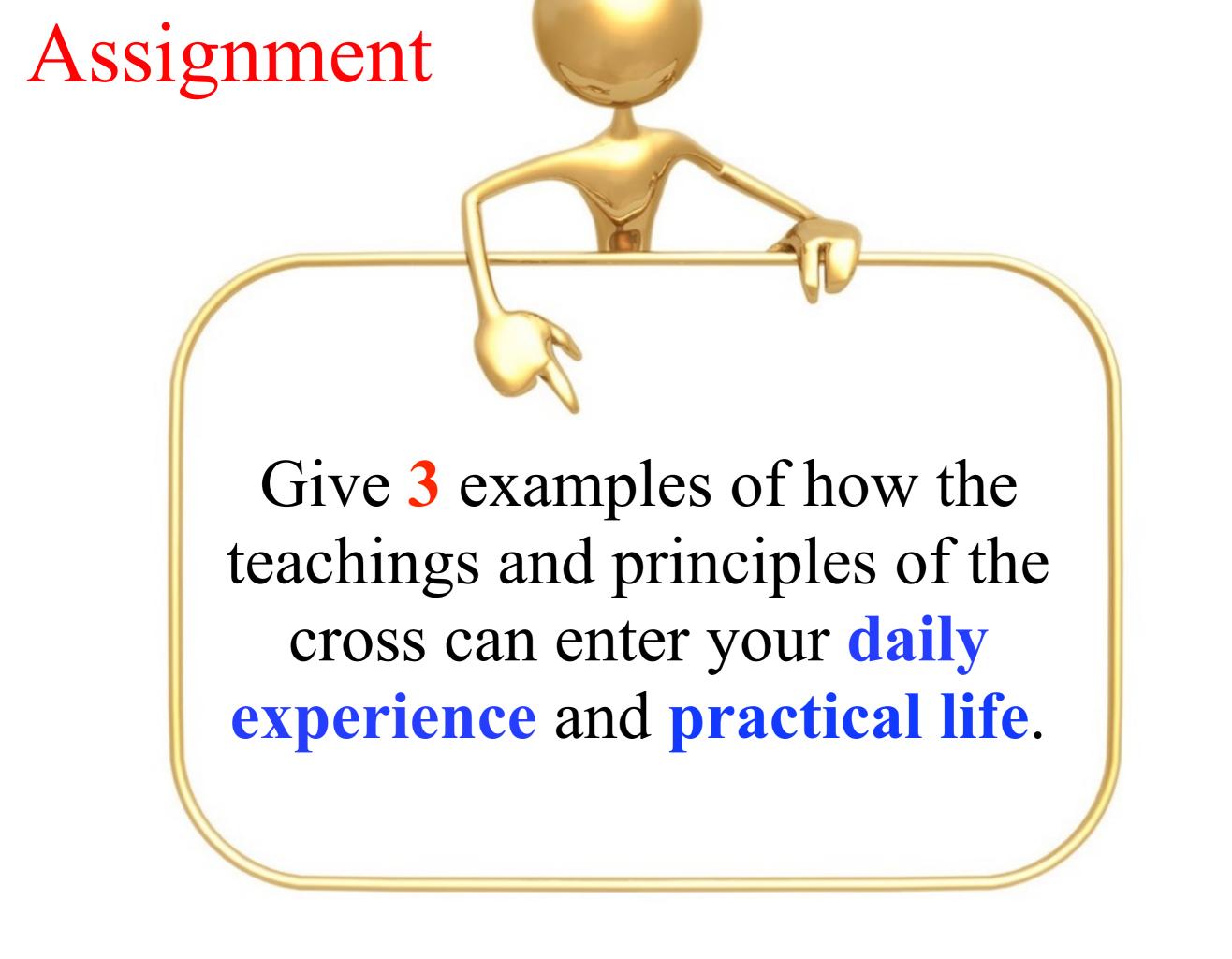
Let the cross of Christ be made <u>the science of all education</u>, <u>the</u> <u>center of all teaching and all study</u>. Let it be brought into the <u>daily experience</u> in <u>practical life</u>. So will the Saviour become to the youth a daily companion and friend. Every thought will be brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. {MH 460.4}



Many have lost very much in that they have not opened the eyes of their understanding to discern the wondrous things in the law of God. On the one hand, religionists generally have divorced the law and the gospel, while we have, on the other hand, almost done the same from another standpoint.

We have not held up before the people the righteousness of Christ and the full significance of His great plan of redemption. We have left out Christ and His matchless love, brought in theories and reasonings, and preached argumentative discourses. {FW 15.3}

Unconverted men have stood in the pulpits sermonizing. Their own hearts have never experienced, through a living, clinging, trusting faith, the sweet evidence of the forgiveness of their sins. How, then, can they preach the love, the sympathy, the forgiveness of God for all sins? How can they say, "Look and live"? Looking at the cross of Calvary, you will have a desire to bear the cross. A world's Redeemer hung upon the cross of Calvary. Behold the Saviour of the world, in whom dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Can any look and behold the sacrifice of God's dear Son, and their hearts not be melted and broken, ready to surrender to God heart and soul? {FW 16.1}





### PEN OF Unspiration

The <u>twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew</u> is presented to me again and again as something that is to be brought to the attention of <u>all</u>. We are <u>today</u> living in the time <u>when the predictions of this chapter are</u> <u>fulfilling</u>. Let our ministers and teachers explain these prophecies to those whom they instruct. Let them leave out of their discourses matters of minor consequence, and <u>present the truths that will decide</u> <u>the destiny of souls</u>.--Gospel Workers, p. 148. (1915) {Ev 196.3}



### Birth Pains

• Typically after the first contraction, they begin going more rapidly.



### Political Agitations Matthew 24:7



Babylon 605-539 B.C.

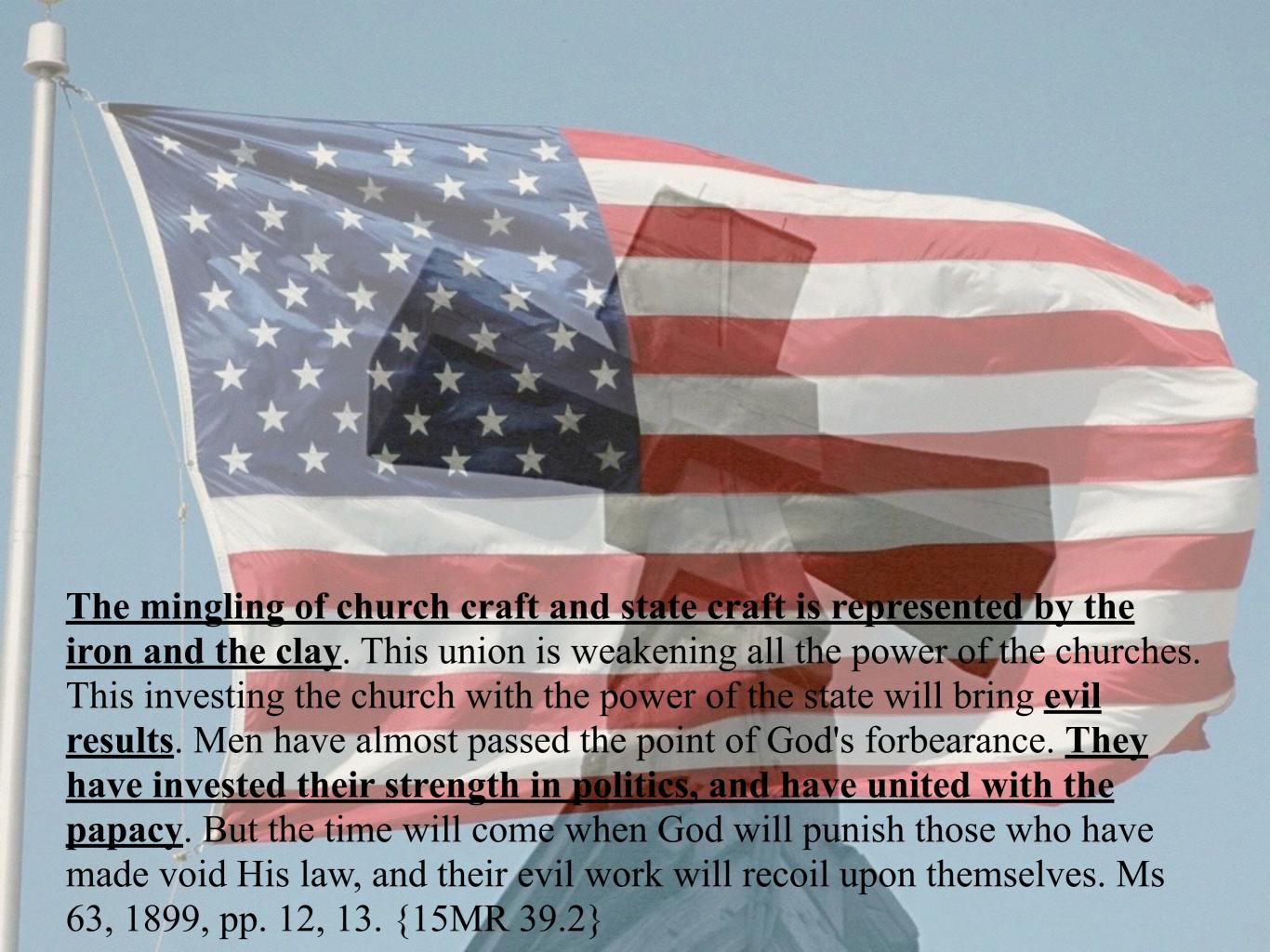
Medo-Persia 539-331 B.C.

Greece 331-168 B.C.

Rome 168 B.C.-476 A.D.

Combining of Church and State





## Atmospheric Agitations Matthew 24:7

## A Brief List of Natural Disasters

1999 - Torrential Rains & Mudslides in Venezuela
DT 15,100

2001 - Gujarat Earthquake in India DT 20,000

2003 - European Heatwave in Western Europe DT 37,451

2005 - Kashmir Earthquake in Pakistan DT 86,000

2008 - Sichuan Earthquake in China DT 69,197

2008 - Cyclone Nagris in Myanmar DT 146,000

### We Will Never Forget The Great Tsunami 2004

DT 229,866





### HAITI EARTHQUAKE 2010

Estimate DT 92,000



### Wakes, 46 auguld:

This was the year the Earth struck back.

Earthquakes, heat waves, floods, volcanoes, super typhoons, blizzards, landslides and droughts killed at least a quarter million people in 2010 — the deadliest year in more than a generation. More people were killed worldwide by natural disasters this year than have been killed in terrorism attacks in the past 40 years combined.

"It just seemed like it was back-to-back and it came in waves," said Craig Fugate, who heads the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency. It handled a record number of disasters in

"The term '100-year event' really lost its meaning this year."



#### 2011 natural disasters cost a record \$265 billion

by Grist Magazine

Politicians might not believe in climate change, but <u>insurance</u>
 <u>companies do</u>. They track disasters, and it turns out that disasters
 just in the <u>first six months of this year</u> already cost the world more
 than any other year of disasters on record.

The price tag for 2011 disasters reached **\$265 billion**. Most of that cost (\$210 billion) came from the tsunami in Japan. But flooding in Australia, tornadoes in the United States, and earthquakes in New Zealand also contributed, and the Munich Re insurance giant draws a connection between some of these disasters and climate change. Before 2011, the record-holding year for costliest disasters ever was 2005, the year Hurricane Katrina devastated the southeastern U.S. coast.



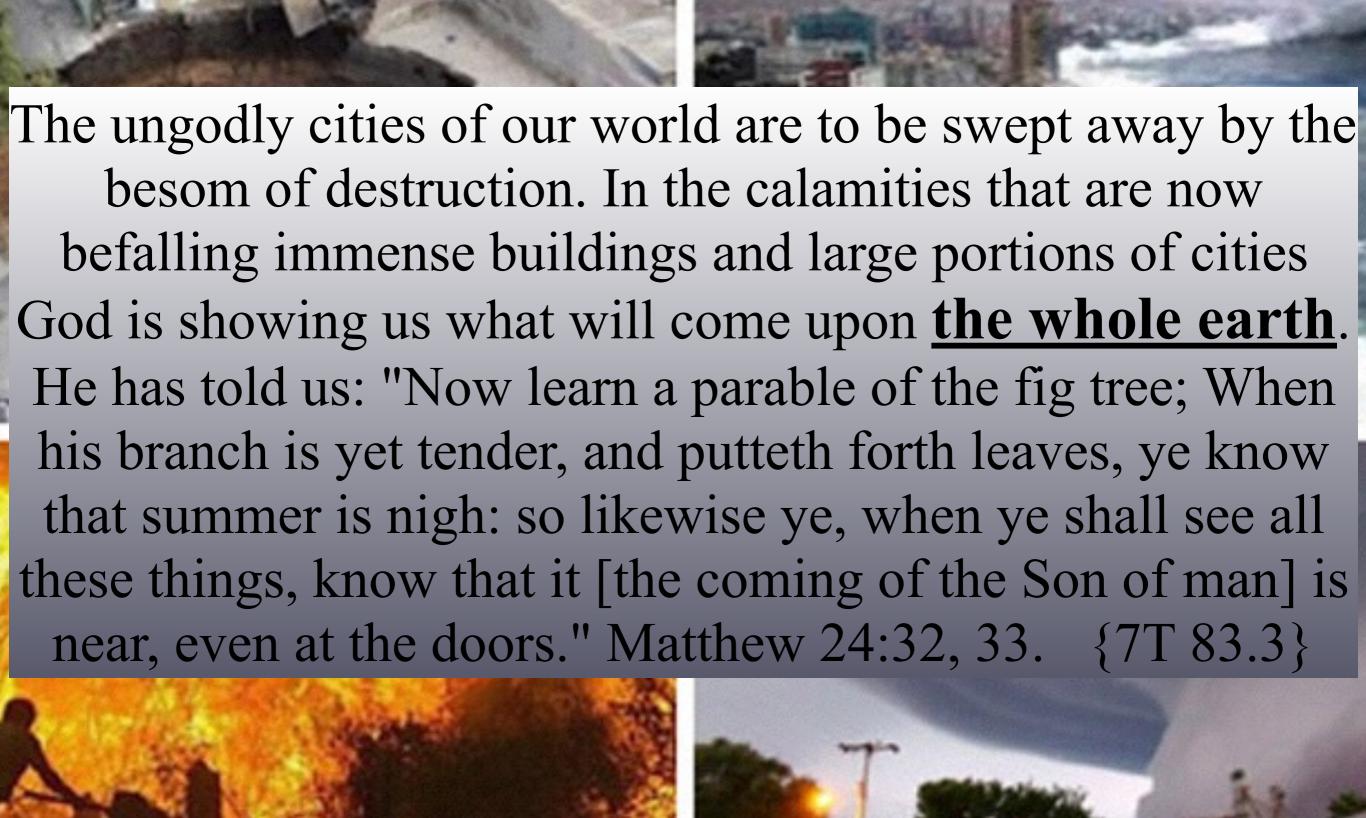


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News.com (blog)-Nov 26, 2012

By some measures, Sandy was worse than Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which tore into the U.S. Gulf Coast in 2005, Cuomo said. Sandy destroyed 305,000 houses in New York state - a still provisional number that's likely to grow - compared with the 214,700 destroyed in Louisiana by Katrina and Rita. Sandy also caused nearly 2.2 million power outages at its peak in the state, compared with 800,000 from Katrina and Rita in Louisiana, and impacted 265,300 businesses compared to 18,700, Cuomo said.

But considering the dense population of the area Sandy impacted and costs to the economy, housing and businesses, the damage done "was much larger in Hurricane Sandy than in Hurricane Katrina, and that puts this entire conversation, I believe, in focus," Cuomo said.



# Disasters ur REWCASTLE REW

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NATURAL disasters are destructive and often deadly forces of nature that can leave mass devastation in their path. The world has had a disturbing start to this year with a variety of **natural disasters** 

#### destroying cities around the world.

"Natural disasters tend to occur in periods," the director of the Institute of Weather at the University of Newcastle Bill Collins said.

"They also occur in patterns around the same places."

In the first five months of 2011, the world has witnessed the disastrous Queensland floods, an earthquake that devastated Christchurch in New Zealand, terrifying US tornadoes and the earthquake resulting in a tsunami that traumatised Japan.

#### Record 312 Tornadoes In One Day

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Preliminary government estimates say there were more tornadoes in a single day last week than any other day in U.S. history.

Government analysts said Monday there were 362 tornadoes during last week's outbreak, including a record-setting 312 in one 24-hour period.



The previous record of

tornadoes was set in 1974.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the largest previous number on record in one event occurred from April 3-4, 1974, with tornadoes.

NOAA says 340 people were killed during the 24-hour-period from 8:00 a.m. Wednesday to Thursday.

It was the deadliest single day for tornadoes since the March 18, 1925, tornado outbreak that had 747 fatalities across 7 states.

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#### U.S. News

April could be record tornado month

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., April 26 (UPI) -- With more than 600 reports of tornadoes so far this month, U.S. forecasters say April 2011 may end up being the most active April on record.

The Storm Prediction Center said the highest number of confirmed tornadoes recorded in April since 1950 was in 1974, Accuweather.com reported Tuesday.

Missouri on April 25, 2011. The National Weather Service says a EF-4 tornado passed through the northern St. Louis County area, damaging or destroying over 750 homes. The tornado, the strongest here since 1967, also hit the airport causing a two-day shutdown. No one was killed or seriously injured. UPI/Bill Greenblatt

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# Economic Agitations Luke 21:25-27

### The Love of Money is the ROOT of all evil. 1 Timothy 6:10

Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.

Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. {James 5:1-8}



### MSN-October 2012

Another year, another \$1 trillion deficit for the US government



WASHINGTON (MarketWatch) — The U.S. government finished fiscal 2012 with a deficit of \$1.089 trillion, the Treasury Department reported Friday, a smaller gap than in the prior year but still the fourth straight year with a \$1 trillion-plus shortfall.



#### Vatican Calls for "Central World Bank"

#### **Kurt Nimmo**

Infowars.com October 24, 2011



The Vatican has called for a "global public authority" and a world central bank to rule over financial affairs in the wake of the engineered economic collapse.

REV 13:16,17

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his peoples, to examine in depth

and moral values at the basis

# Health Agitations Matthew 24:7

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. " 3 John 2

Be ye therefore **perfect**, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. **Matthew 5:48** 

Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Of which salvation the **prophets** have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you:

Searching what, or what manner of time the **Spirit of Christ** which was **in them** did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. **1st Peter 1:9-11** 

Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the <u>latter days</u>. {Hosea 3:5}

Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. {Hosea 4:1-3}

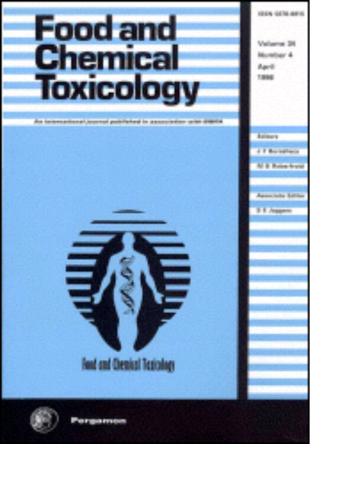


Tell them that the time will soon come when there will be no safety in using eggs, milk, cream, or butter, because disease in animals is increasing in proportion to the increase of wickedness among men. The time is near when, because of the iniquity of the fallen race, the whole animal creation will groan under the diseases that curse our earth. {CD 349.1}

## Comparison of the 10 Generations before and after the flood

Before Eating Flesh		After Eating Flesh	
NAME	AGE	NAME	AGE
Adam	930	Shem	600
Seth	912	Arphaxad	438
Enos	905	Salah	433
Cainan	910	Eber	464
Mahalaleel	895	Peleg	239
Jared	962	Reu	239
Enoch	365	Serug	230
Methuselah	969	Nahor	148
Lamech	777	Terah	205
Noah	950	Abraham	175



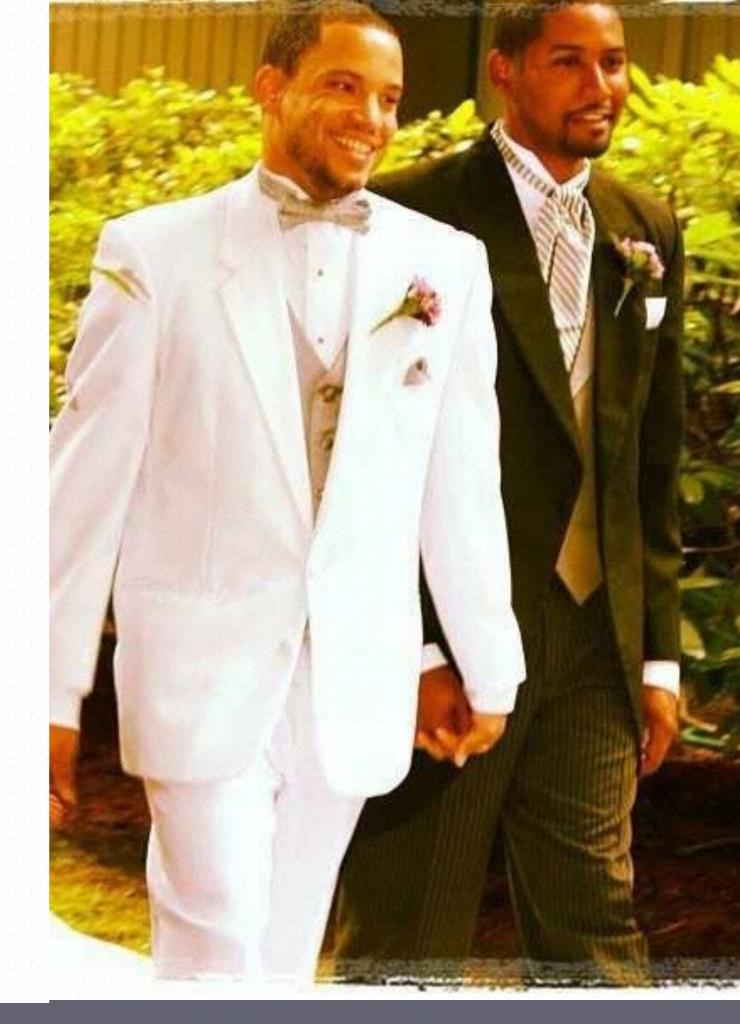


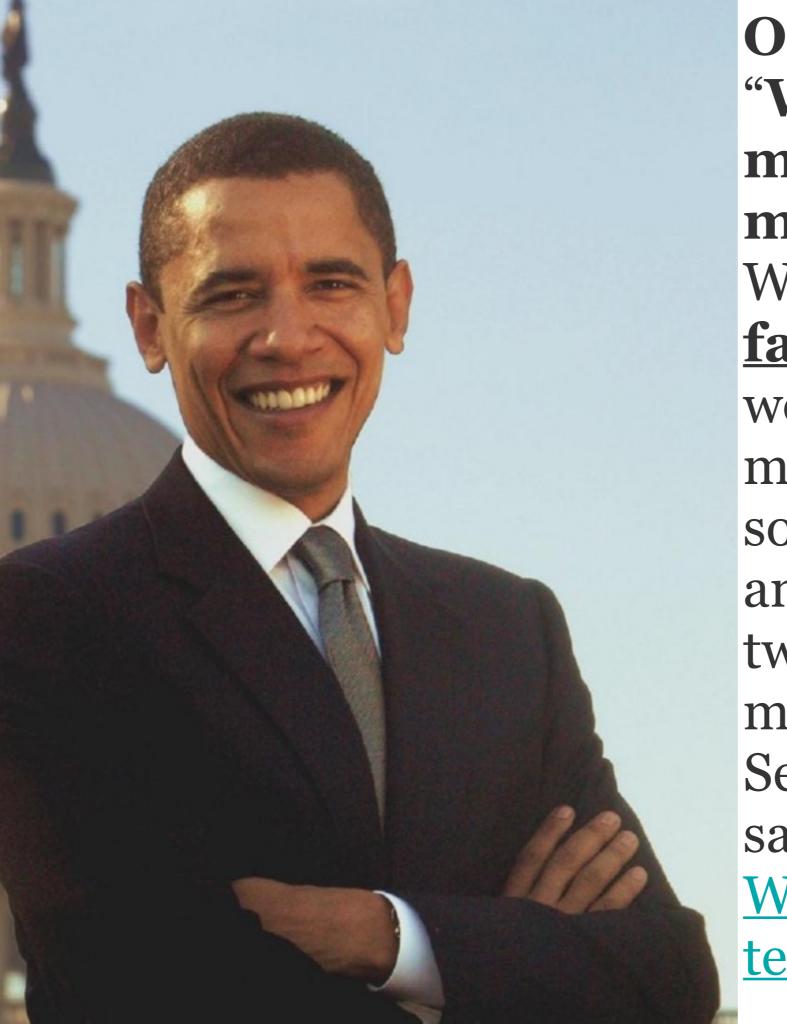
Food and Chemical Toxicology (FCT) publishes original research articles, reviews, and case reports on the toxic effects, in animals or humans, of natural or synthetic chemicals occurring in the human environment with particular emphasis on food safety, chemical safety, and other areas of consumer product safety.

"The health effects of a Roundup-tolerant genetically modified maize (from 11% in the diet), cultivated with or without Roundup, and Roundup alone (from 0.1 ppb in water), were studied 2 years in rats. In females, all treated groups died 2–3 times more than controls, and more rapidly. This difference was visible in 3 male groups fed GMOs. All results were hormone and sex dependent, and the pathological profiles were comparable. Females developed large mammary tumors almost always more often than and before controls, the pituitary was the second most disabled organ; the sex hormonal balance was modified by GMO and Roundup treatments. In treated males, liver congestions and necrosis were 2.5–5.5 times higher."

# Moral Decline Hosea 3:5/4:1 & 2







**OCTOBER 2004:** "What I believe is that marriage is between a man and a woman ... What I believe, in my **faith**, is that a man and a woman, when they get married, are performing something before God, and it's not simply the two persons who are meeting," then-U.S.

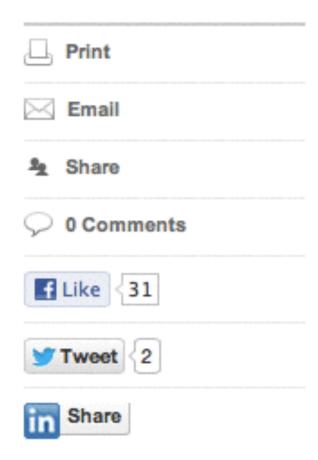
Senate candidate Obama said in an interview with

WTTW Chicago public

television.

#### Obama quotes on same-sex marriage

Published May 09, 2012 / Associated Press



President Barack Obama on Wednesday became the first U.S. president to declare support for same-sex marriage. A sampling of his comments on the subject:

"I have to tell you that over the course of several years as I have talked to friends and family and neighbors when I think about members of my own staff who are in incredibly committed monogamous relationships, same-sex relationships, who are raising kids together, when I think about those soldiers or airmen or marines or sailors who are out there fighting on my behalf and yet feel constrained, even now that Don't Ask Don't Tell is gone, because they are not able to commit themselves in a marriage, at a certain point I've just concluded that for me personally it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same sex couples should be able to get married." — ABC News interview, May 9, 2012



## MSN March 18, 2013

"I support marriage for lesbian and gay couples," Clinton says in the video. "I support it **personally** and as **a matter of policy and law** embedded in a broader effort to advance equality and opportunity for LGBT Americans and for all Americans."

She continues, "Like so many others, my views have been shaped over time by people I have known and loved, by my experience representing our nation on the world stage, my devotion to law and human rights, and the **guiding principles of my faith**."

These are her first comments backing gay marriage since leaving the State Department, and they could potentially hint at her 2016 ambitions. (After **President Obama**, Vice President **Biden**, and other Democrats have endorsed gay marriage, it's likely that the future Democratic nominee -- in 2016 and beyond -- <u>will have to back it</u>.)

## PEN OF Unspiration

"Political corruption is destroying love of justice and regard for truth; and even in free America, rulers and legislators, in order to Secure public lavor, will yield to the popular demand for a law enforcing Sunday observance. Liberty of conscience, which has cost so great a sacrifice, will no longer be respected. In the soon-coming conflict we shall see exemplified the prophet's words: "The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." Revelation 12:17. {GC 592.3}



When the Pharisees afterward questioned Him concerning the lawfulness of divorce, Jesus pointed His hearers back to the marriage institution as ordained at creation. "Because of the hardness of your hearts," He said, Moses "suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so." He referred them to the blessed days of Eden when God pronounced all things "very good." Then marriage and the Sabbath had their origin, twin institutions for the glory of God in the benefit of humanity. {AH 340.4}



The Sabbath and the family were alike instituted in Eden, and in God's purpose they are indissolubly linked together. {ED 250}





When Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, when she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with Spiritualism, when, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall **repudiate every principle of its Constitution** as a Protestant and **Republican government**, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, then we may know that the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan, and that the end is near.—Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 451.

#### The Bill of Rights

Ratified December 15, 1791

#### Article II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.



"...the right of the PEOPLE to keep and bear Arms, shall NOT be infringed."

or...

"I don't believe people should be able to own guns."

## Religious Agitations Matthew 24:12

#### RELIGIOUS CARELESSNESS

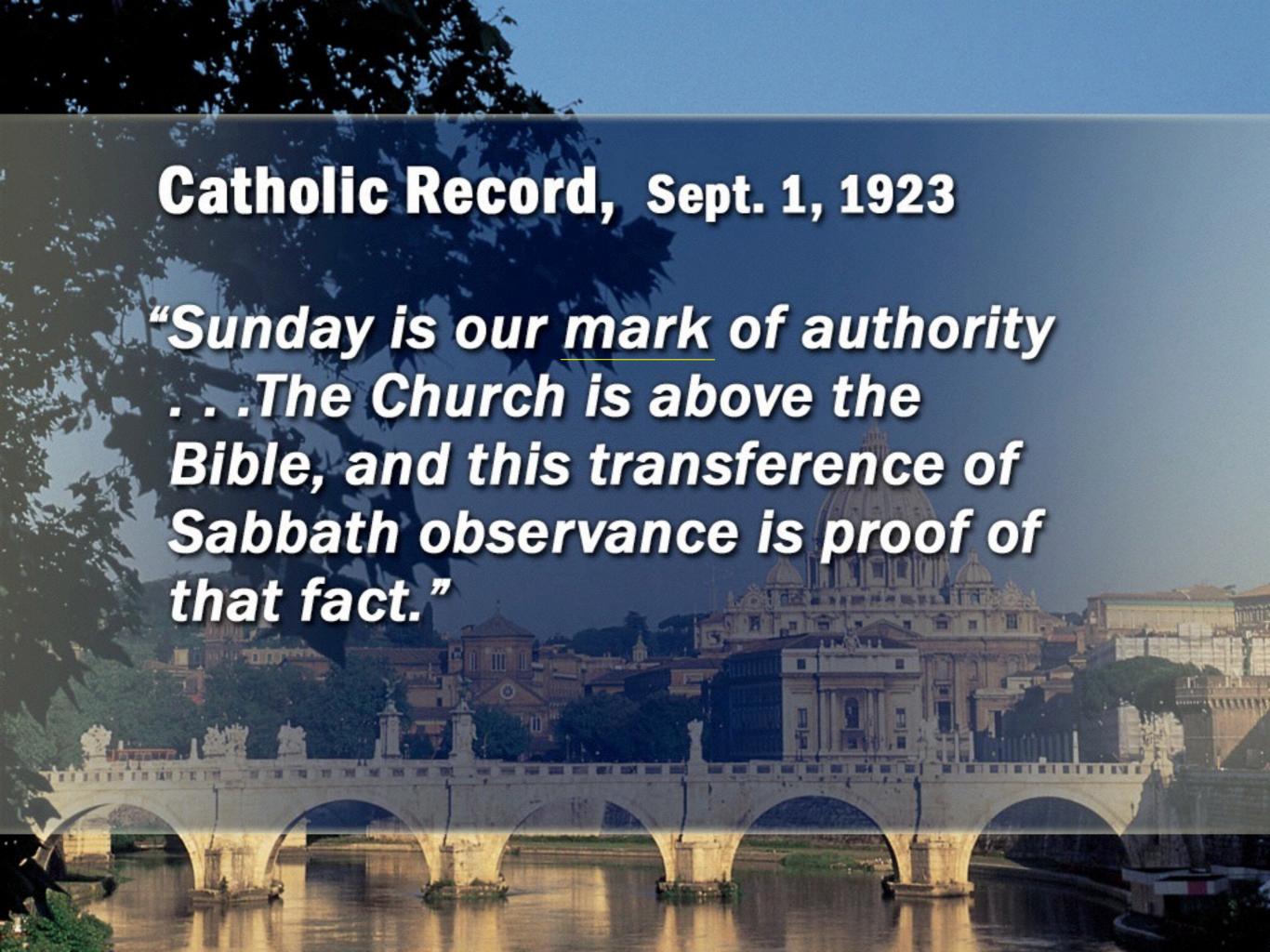
• Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

• The word "love" means Agape or

• Godly love.



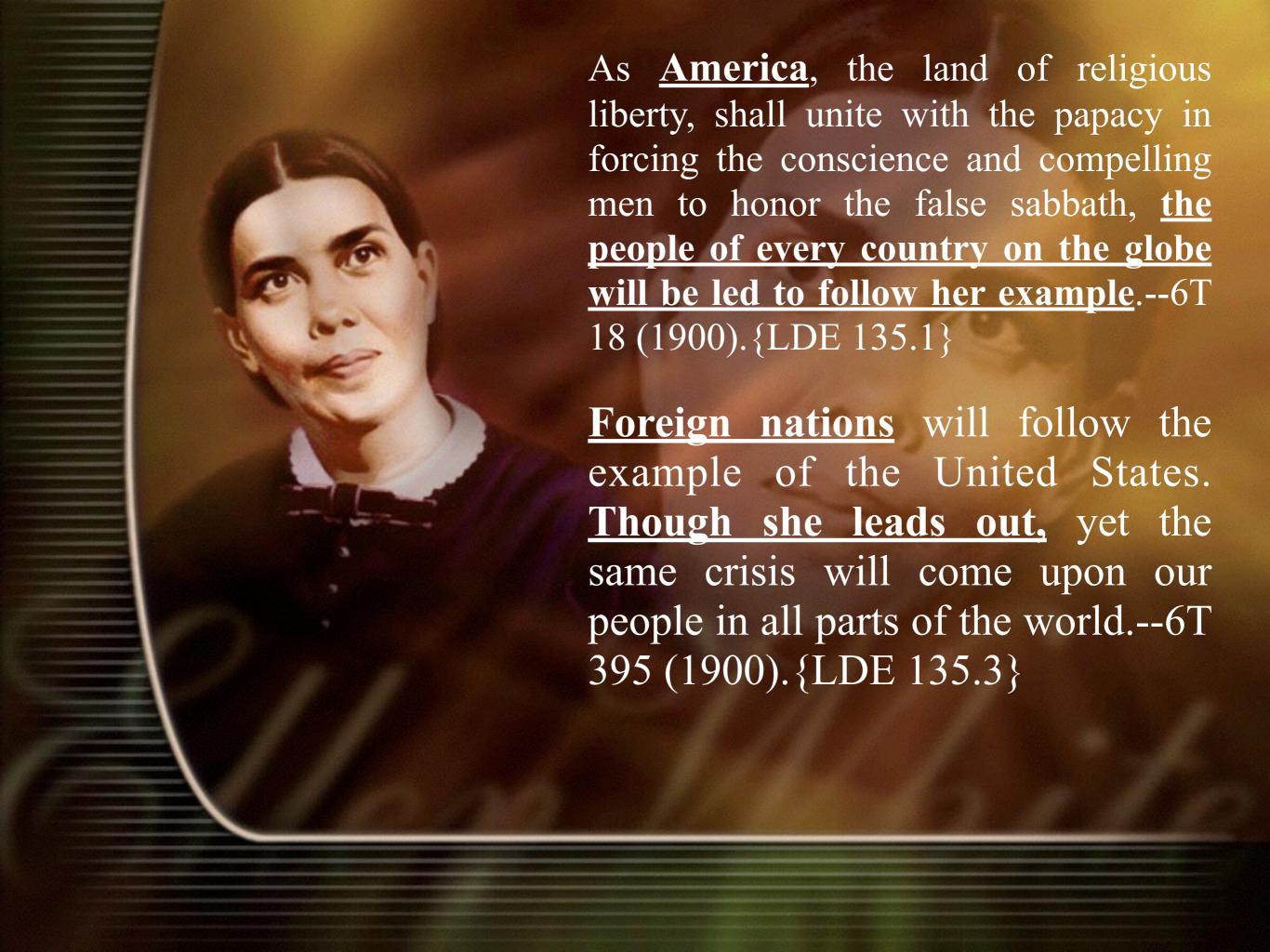
# The Plan of Rome (Enforced Religious Views) Matthew 24:15





The change of the Sabbath is the <u>sign</u> or <u>mark</u> of the authority of the Romish church. Those who, <u>understanding</u> the claims of the fourth commandment, <u>choose</u> to observe the false sabbath in the place of the true, are thereby paying homage to that power by which alone it is commanded. <u>The mark of the beast is the papal sabbath</u>, which has been accepted by the world in the place of the day of God's appointment.

{Ev 234.1}





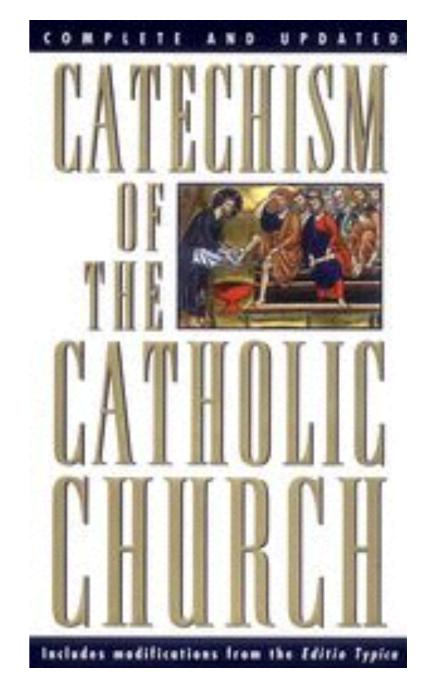


## What is the Seal of God? Can it be seen?

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{MS 173, 1902}

- 66. . . . When, through the centuries, **she** has made laws concerning Sunday rest, (109) the Church has had in mind above all the work of servants and workers, certainly not because this work was any less worthy when compared to the spiritual requirements of Sunday observance, but rather because it needed greater regulation to lighten its burden and thus enable everyone to keep the Lord's Day holy. In this matter, my predecessor Pope Leo XIII in his Encyclical Rerum Novarum spoke of Sunday rest as a worker's right which the State must guarantee. (110) . . .
- 67.... Therefore, also in the particular circumstances of our own time, Christians will naturally strive to ensure that <u>civil</u> <u>legislation</u> respects their duty to keep Sunday holy.—bold added.



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**Never on Sunday** 



The substitution of the laws of men for the law of God, the exaltation, by merely human authority, of Sunday in place of the Bible Sabbath, is the last act in the

drama. {7T 141.1}

could be spent working or pli between piety and profit, eve Children come to Sunday scl forms; some churches have s control the schedule. Politicia dios. Post offices may still be c Sunday e-mail from the boss, log on and check in. Even the

on Sundays, a few other regional and national retailers are pulling back from seven-days-a-week operations. Chick-Fil-A founder Truett Cathy has always refused to open his chicken-sandwich restaurants on Sundays. And local restaurateur David Martin, who owns and operates Steak-Out locations and Rosie's Mexican Cantina, decided three years ago to close his stores

Business was good. But the hours were long. When one of Martin's best store managers

weeks again."

- David Martin Founder, Steak-Out

keeps open store on Sunday," fine of no less than \$10 and no more \$100, and a jail sentence of no more than three months.

The term "blue law," depending

Martin's decision was based in the belief that his people - including himself and his wife, Rhonda - needed a day off. Religion was part of the decision, because "that was a day for most people's worship. Not all people worship that day. But for the ma-

Bill Hane says Hobby Lobby will remain closed on Sunday as long as possible. "We just feel like God honors people who do the right thing," Hane said. "There's an old saying that says, 'If your religion and business

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Will Sunday become part of the Israeli weekend?

By GIL HOFFMAN

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Vice Premier Shalom decides to launch a campaign on issue; says move "would cause a revolution" as people will receive more leisure, rest time.

A decade's worth of efforts to push the **government** to make Sunday a day off were renewed over the past two weeks after Vice Premier Silvan Shalom decided to begin a campaign on the issue.

"This would cause a revolution in Israel," Shalom said in a statement released Thursday. "This would make our country **more normal**, give people more leisure and allow them to return to the work week on Monday a lot more rested."



#### Singapore maids to finally get a day off

'We need to treat our foreign labour force decently,' manpower minister tells parliament

The Associated Press Posted: Mar 6, 2012 7:36 AM ET Last Updated: Mar 6, 2012 7:40 AM ET

"The Singaporean **government's** recognition of a weekly rest day as a basic labour right will make the lives of migrant domestic workers better," said Nisha Varia, senior women's rights researcher at U.S.-based Human Rights Watch. "But this important reform should go into effect this year and apply to all domestic workers and their current contracts."

"This is bad news for women who are working," said 49-year-old mother of four children Poon Boon Eng, according to the paper. "If I let her go out four days a month, it will be very hectic for me. I need to rest on **Sunday** too."



Eurozone demands that Greece mandate six-day workweek in exchange for second bailout.

BY CHRISTINE ROBERTS / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

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But never on Sunday! Says Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, 'This is the last such package of spending cuts...
The Greek economy can take no more.'



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Sundays must be a day of rest dedicated to God, family, pope says



A pilgrim from Angola waves his national flag during Pope Benedict XVI's general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican June 6. (CNS/Paul Haring)

By Carol Glatz Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The demands of work can't bully people out of needed time off, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Sunday must be a day of rest for everyone, so people can be free to be with their families and with God, the pope said.

"By defending Sunday, one defends human freedom," he said during his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square June 6.

In his catechesis, the pope told an estimated 15,000 pilgrims and visitors about his trip June 1-3 to Milan for the seventh World Meeting of Families.

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This was the year the Earth struck back.

Earthquakes, heat waves, floods, volcanoes, super typhoons, blizzards, landslides and droughts killed at least a quarter million people in 2010 — the deadliest year in more than a generation. More people were killed worldwide by natural disasters this year than have been killed in terrorism attacks in the past 40 years combined.

"It just seemed like it was back-to-back and it came in waves," said Craig Fugate, who heads the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency. It handled a record number of disasters in

"The term '100-year event' really lost its meaning this year."



In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power.



And then the great deceiver will persuade men that those who serve God are causing these evils.......It will be declared that men are offending God by the violation of the Sunday sabbath; that this sin has brought calamities which will not cease until Sunday observance shall be strictly enforced; and that those who present the claims of the fourth commandment, thus destroying reverence for Sunday, are troublers of the people, preventing their restoration to divine favor and temporal prosperity. (GC 590)



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The trades unions will be one of the agencies that will bring upon this earth a time of trouble such as has not been since the world began. [Letter 200, 1903]

These unions are one of the signs of the last days. [Letter 26, 1903]

#### Observance



Vatican works to stop Sunday shopping in Italy

Dec 19, 2012

In what may seem an unlikely alliance, the Catholic Church, trade unions and Italian small business associations have joined forces in a bid to save Sundays from shopping and liberalized shopping hours.



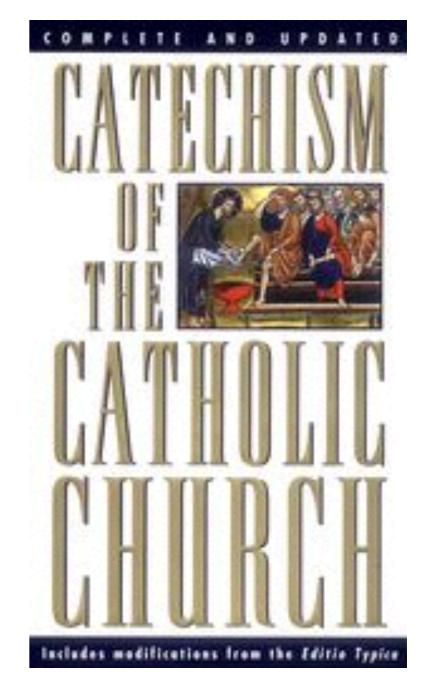
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Dec 19, 2012

"We need one day when everyone can rest – this is the origin of Shabbat. And in fact, **even Muslim organizations support us**."

The **Rev. Marco Scattolon of Camposampiero**, Italy, became an instant celebrity when he labeled Sunday shopping a sin and called on his parishioners to do penance for it. Sundays, he told the Corriere del Veneto newspaper, are important "not just in the religious sense." "**They are one of the few occasions left for families to be together**."

- 66. . . . When, through the centuries, **she** has made laws concerning Sunday rest, (109) the Church has had in mind above all the work of servants and workers, certainly not because this work was any less worthy when compared to the spiritual requirements of Sunday observance, but rather because it needed greater regulation to lighten its burden and thus enable everyone to keep the Lord's Day holy. In this matter, my predecessor Pope Leo XIII in his Encyclical Rerum Novarum spoke of Sunday rest as a worker's right which the State must guarantee. (110) . . .
- 67.... Therefore, also in the particular circumstances of our own time, Christians will naturally strive to ensure that <u>civil</u> <u>legislation</u> respects their duty to keep Sunday holy.—bold added.





Throughout Christendom, Protestantism was menaced by formidable foes. The first triumphs of the Reformation past, Rome summoned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction. At this time the order of <u>the Jesuits was created</u>, the most <u>cruel</u>, <u>unscrupulous</u>, and <u>powerful of all the champions of popery</u>. {GC 234}

There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual **poverty** and **humility**, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the **overthrow of Protestantism**, and the **re-establishment of the papal supremacy**.

When appearing as members of their order, they wore a garb of sanctity, <u>visiting prisons and hospitals</u>, <u>ministering to the sick</u> and the <u>poor</u>, professing to have <u>renounced the world</u>, and bearing the sacred name of Jesus, who went about doing good. But under this blameless exterior the most <u>criminal</u> and <u>deadly purposes</u> were often concealed. {GC 235}



Under various disguises the Jesuits worked their way into offices of state, climbing up to be the counselors of kings, and shaping the policy of nations. {GC 235}

The Jesuits rapidly spread themselves over Europe, and wherever they went, there followed a revival of popery. {GC 235.1}



MSN May 24th,2013

"He behaves like one of us, he is one of the people," said 42-year-old Roberto Delantero, a devout Catholic and admirer of the Franciscan order. "He said he is infinitely small, just like Saint Francis called himself. It's a nice break for the Catholic Church, which in recent years rose above the people."

"He is a man of the people, he doesn't sit on a pedestal," said Maya de Roo, a 32-year-old Dutch florist based in Rome who met Pope Francis after helping with the flowers arrangements in St. Peter's Square for Easter Mass.



Last October, about 250 bishops met in Rome for a conference on the movement called the New Evangelization, which focuses on reawakening faith in those already baptized. One of their conclusions was, "Even though there is a tension between the Christian Sunday and the secular Sunday, Sunday needs to be recovered" — in keeping, they wrote, with John Paul's "Dies Domini."

#### The New York Times

**April 26 2013** 

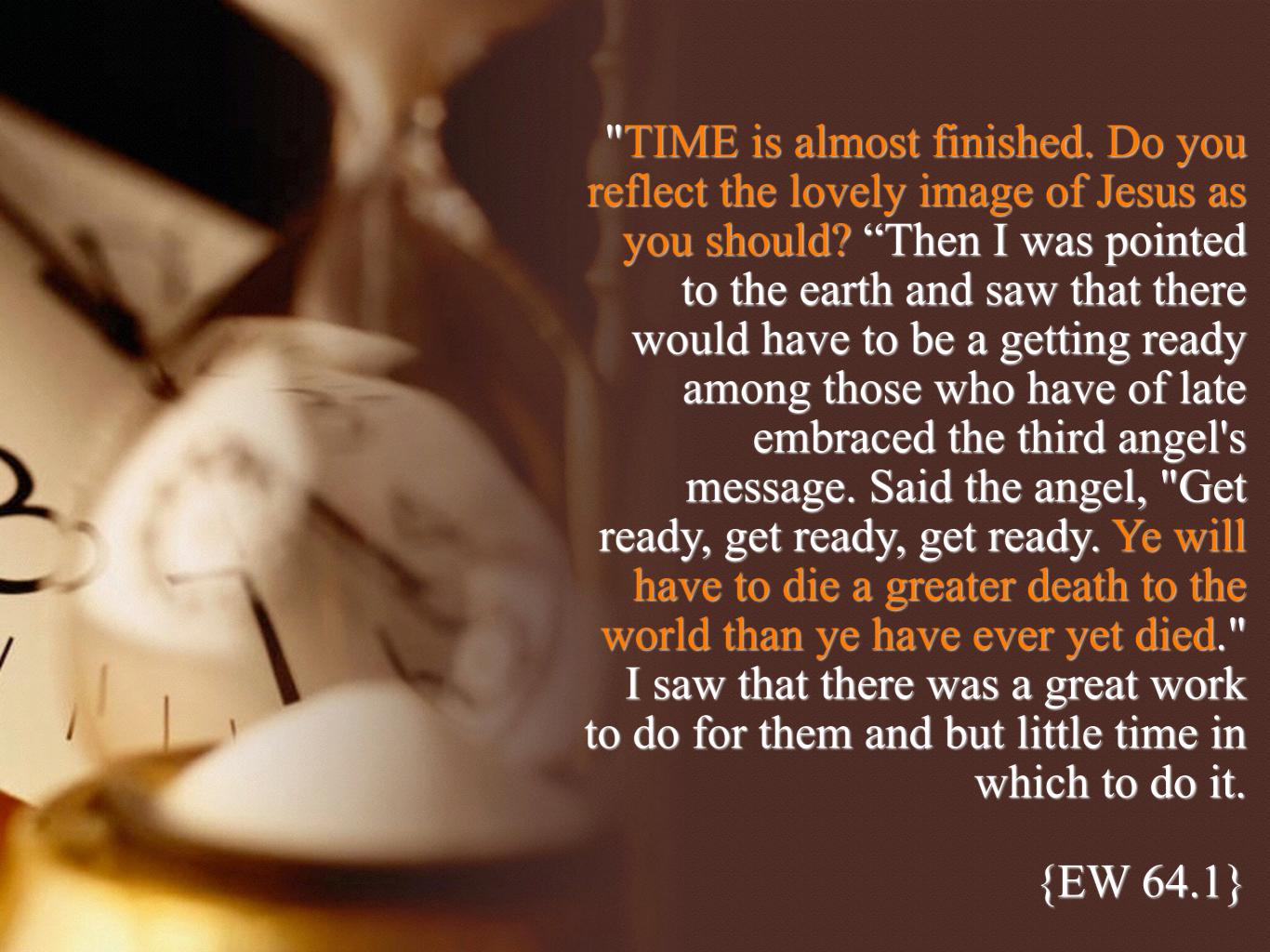
Responding to the question, "Do we need to rediscover the meaning of leisure?" Pope Francis replies: "Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport. But this is being destroyed, in large part, by the elimination of the Sabbath rest day. More and more people work on Sundays as a consequence of the competitiveness imposed by a consumer society." In such cases, he concludes, "work ends up dehumanizing people."

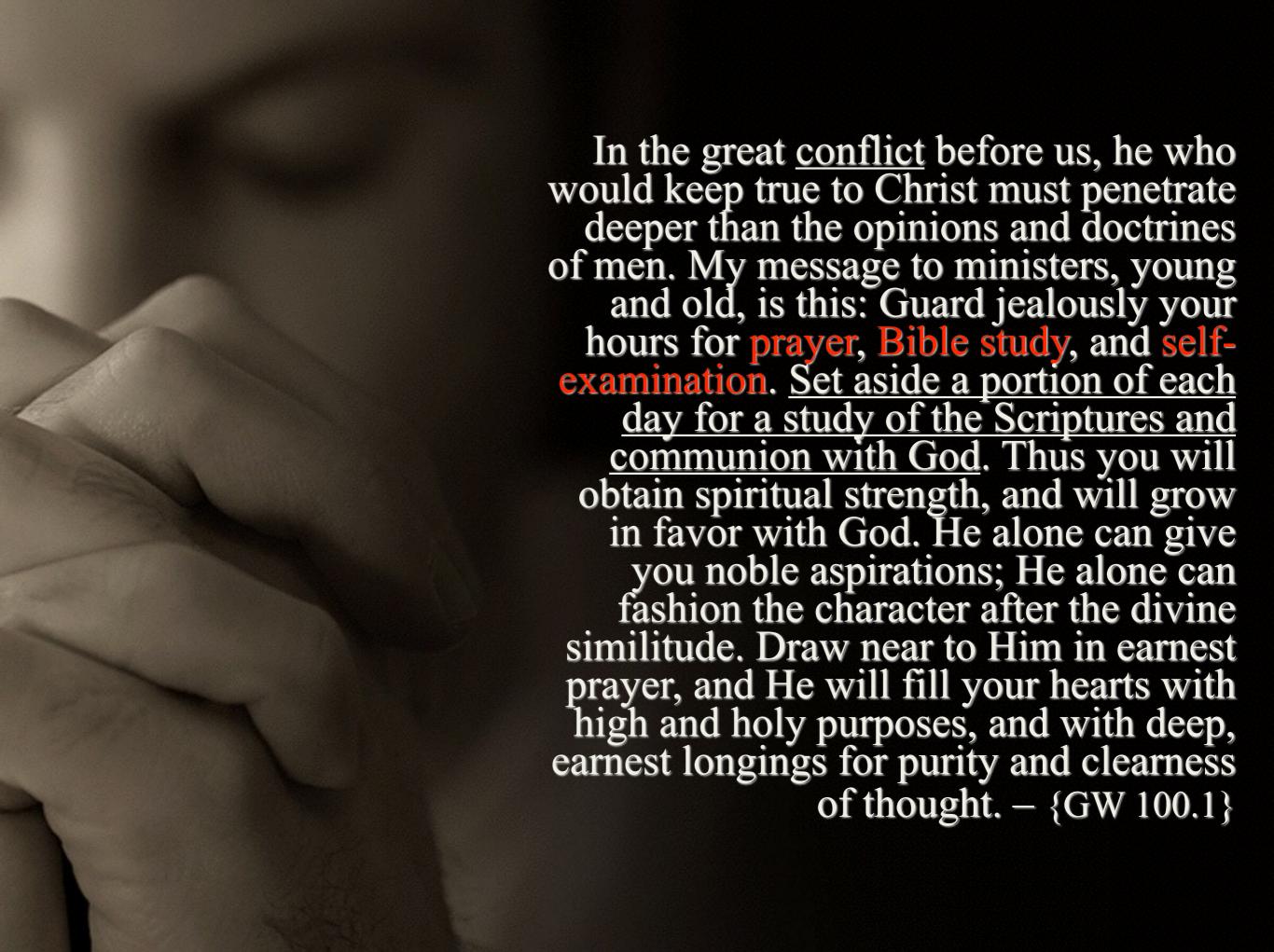
Oh, that the people might know the TIME of their visitation! There are many who have not yet heard the testing truth for this time. There are many with whom the Spirit of God is striving. The time of God's destructive judgments is the time of mercy for those who have had no opportunity to learn what is truth. Tenderly will the Lord look upon them. His heart of mercy is touched; His hand is still stretched out to save, while the door is closed to those who would not enter.

{9T 97.2}



Often we have been told that our cities are to hear the message, but how slow we are to heed the instruction. I saw One standing on a high platform with arms extended. He turned and pointed in every direction, saying, "A world perishing in ignorance of God's holy law, and Seventh-day Adventists are asleep." The Lord is pleading for laborers, for there is a great work to be done. There are conversions to be made that will add to the church such as shall be saved. Men and women in the highways and byways are to be reached. . . . {Ev 32.4}





When we reach the standard that the Lord would have us reach, worldlings will regard Seventh-day Adventists as odd, singular, strait-laced extremists. "We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." {FE 289.1}







